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Where is everyone?

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A child looks up at the security fence erected underneath the CN Tower yesterday as final preparations are made to host the G20 summit. The fence forms a perimeter around the security zone centring on the Metro Toronto Convention Centre where world leaders are due to meet this week. More coverage, pages 3, 18.

Summit security turns downtown into ghost town

G20 Summit

Commuters to Toronto's downtown core have found many changes this week: A fortress-like security fence, a plethora of police officers — and spare time in which to take it all in.

The security measures implemented for the G20 summit have sent most Toronto residents scurrying away from the downtown core, which is under virtual lockdown in the days leading up to the weekend meeting.

Those who dare to brave the heightened security measures say they've found a few pleasant surprises in the form of faster commutes, empty sidewalks and shorter lineups for morning coffee.

Jackie Todd, 19, breezed through the lineup at a downtown coffee shop to grab a snack and returned to her nearby office building along sidewalks almost devoid of their usual pedestrian traffic. "I've noticed a lot fewer cars on the street," she said, adding her morning commute went slightly faster than usual.

Akila Raja, a cashier at a downtown Tim Hortons, said lineups had all but disappeared yesterday.

"(Monday) there were still lineups at lunch hour, but today there was nothing at all," she said.

> **"Based on our observation, we think there is a slight decrease in passenger volumes during rush hour."**
> Vanessa Thomas, Go Transit spokeswoman

Twitter was also abuzz with Torontonians reporting their unusual experiences in the downtown core.

"Perfect day for a drive into downtown Toronto — wow," wrote one user.

"G20 has turned Toronto's downtown into a ghost town," tweeted another.

GO Transit said there is anecdotal evidence to suggest a slight drop in ridership over the first two days of the week.

"Based on our observation, we think there is a slight decrease in passenger volumes during rush hour," said spokeswoman Vanessa Thomas, adding concrete numbers won't be available until after the summit has concluded.

Commuters, warned about the impending hassles of the security measures, are likely heeding advice to work from home and avoid the city centre, she said.

A spokeswoman for the TTC said ridership appears unchanged so far.

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Love never lasts on the small screen

REALITY The Bachelor is flying solo again.

Jake Pavelka and Vienna Giraldi, the lovey-dovey couple who met and became engaged in front of millions of viewers on the 14th season of the ABC dating series, have called off their engagement, according to Pavelka's spokeswoman.

Janice Lee said, "Jake and Vienna have split."

Only four of the 13 previous couples who met on The Bachelor are still together. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fashion sense counts

STYLE Dressing for G20 protests is tricky. Look too corporate and you might be paint-bombed. Dress like a militant protester, you run the risk of being tear-gassed.

But have a stylist help you and look fabulous.

"If you're leading (these protests) and you know pictures are being taken of you, why not look good?" said Kathryn McEwen, general manager of Queen Street West boutique Fashion Crimes.

Slimming

- Black, the refuge of brooding artists, the late Johnny Cash and goths, is the colour of choice for militant protesters who hang out near the fence. It is also slimming.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, former RCMP officer and security expert Chris Mathers had more conservative advice.

"Don't go. That's how you should dress."

So many options.

If you're the rabble-rousing, tear-gas-loving type who won't be held back by mere warnings, synthetic fabrics are your best bet since tear gas sticks to natural fibres. Mathers said covering your face with a bandana is an indication to police that you could be trouble. He mused on advice for the protester looking to steer clear of police and militant attention.

"Plaid?" he offered. "I hate to think of people at home in their closet missing the protest because they can't make a fashion decision."

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Shots fired near security zone

Toronto police say shots fired near the G20 security zone early yesterday were not G20 related. Several undercover officers heard the shots fired in the area of King and John streets, near the security fence that surrounds the G20 summit site. They spotted a black car speeding away. Police say they have made no arrests and no suspect has been identified. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Highlighting gay rights

Protesters shut down Queen Street ahead of G20 summit

G20 Summit

Dozens of gay and lesbian rights demonstrators shut down the westbound lanes of Queen Street near the Eaton Centre in downtown Toronto yesterday afternoon to protest the G20.

RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

About 200 people march along Toronto streets on their way to the downtown core yesterday to protest the G20 and to raise awareness on queer rights.

Chanting "We're queer, we're fabulous, we're against the G20," the demonstrators say they're protesting what they see as the erosion of gay rights in G20 countries.

The march was raucous, loud, and music-filled, and included street theatre with one protester wearing a papier mâché head of Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The protesters say they're upset at what they see as the increased corporatization of Toronto's Pride festivities and barriers facing gay and lesbian immigrants to Canada.

They are also unhappy the Ontario government withdrew a new sex-education curriculum after parents and religious groups objected.

Among other things, that curriculum would have introduced students to the concept of same-sex families in Grade 3.

Syed Hussan, a spokesman for the Toronto Community Mobilization Network, called the G8 and G20 illegitimate bodies that are non-representative of women, gay and disabled communities, and said they should be abolished.

While his group isn't advocating violence at this week's G8 and G20 protests, he said it's not telling protesters to refrain from property damage against large corporations.

"I believe that ... in any of the protests there will be no one hurt," he said.

He said property destruction, "or property modification as some people choose to call it" can happen any time.

"In terms of property, we're really not trying to tell activists what to do. We're trying to tell the G20 what to do, which is to go away."

Yesterday morning, feminist activists did "creative transformations" of public statues — hanging banners, putting up placards and taking pictures, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

LOTTERY Traffic congestion and security surrounding the G20 summit will also be felt by big lottery winners. Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation says its downtown Toronto prize centre will close early on Friday — at 1 p.m. While the prize centre will maintain its regular 9 to 5 hours through Thursday, OLG warns winners may be subject to significant traffic delays. And OLG is asking winners to make an appointment to claim their prize. Claims for winning lottery tickets of $250,000 or less can be dropped off at other OLG sites around Ontario.

EDUCATION Students at a handful of Toronto schools will get a taste of summer vacation as classes shut down for two days because of the G20 summit. The schools — six public, two Catholic — are near the G20 security zone and protest areas so the two Toronto boards decided to close them Thursday and Friday as world leaders arrive. The affected public schools are: ALPHA Alternative, Beverley, Ogden, Orde Street, Waterfront School, Island Public/Natural Science School. A safety manager for the Toronto Catholic District School Board said the two schools affected are near areas that will likely see protests. St. Joseph's College, an all-girls' school, is near Queen's Park, and St. Michael's Choir, an all-boys, just steps from Dundas Square. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Maple syrup for visiting journalists

SWAG Welcome to the G8 and G20 summits — now here's your maple syrup.

The taste of Canadiana is among the items in a plastic, maple leaf-emblazoned tote bag given to journalists covering the summits.

The bag also contains pins, pens and brochures and is given to journalists when they pick up their media accreditation for the summits.

A metal water bottle with a maple leaf and the words "Canada 2010" on it is in there, as is an iPhone cover used to view 3D content.

Hundreds of journalists from around the world are descending on Toronto to cover the G20 summit from June 26-27 as well as the G8 summit in Huntsville, Ont., on June 25-26.

Most of the swag bag's contents are full-colour brochures on Toronto and the city's public transit system, with a special convention transit pass also provided. THE CANADIAN PRESS

China's head may witness a rare sight when he arrives for the G20: Protesters

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Man hit by garbage truck and killed in Vaughan

A man was run over by a garbage truck and killed yesterday morning in Vaughan, York regional police report. The incident took place near the corner of Edgeley Boulevard and Pennsylvania Avenue at approximately 11 a.m. Police weren't releasing any further details last night. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Province eyeing SuperCorp

No decision yet to sell LCBO, Hydro One, OLG: McGuinty

Privatizing parts of Ontario's Crown corporations responsible for electricity, lottery and liquor is something the cash-strapped Liberal government must consider, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

The province is looking at selling portions of Hydro One, Ontario Power Generation, Ontario Lottery and Gaming, and the Liquor Control Board of Ontario to raise money, but hasn't come to any final decisions, he said.

"I think we have a responsibility to look at these things (but) no final decisions have been made," said McGuinty.

With a deficit of almost $20 billion this year, the province must consider new ways to pay for improvements to health, education and other government programs, said McGuinty.

The Liberals had been highly critical of the former Progressive Conservative government's failed efforts to partially privatize Ontario's electricity system in 2002.

Eight years later, the Liberals are looking at a much broader privatization scheme, which would see a new SuperCorp created to oversee the Crown assets to be sold.

It would be responsible for selling a portion of three nuclear power plants, electrical transmission lines and more than 600 liquor stores.

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Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty.

Sales just cash grab ahead of vote: NDP

- The New Democrats said the Liberals were looking at asset sales after driving up a record deficit because they need cash to fund promises for next year's provincial election. "They're looking for some way to go into an election with a basket full of goodies to be able to give out, but the problem is these things always end up as a raw deal for the public," said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

Smitherman predicts shift from Ford in voter sentiment

POLITICS Rob Ford, under attack from George Smitherman, picked up his trusty eHealth club and whacked the former deputy premier. Smitherman countered the software boondoggle was started by a Conservative colleague of Ford's MPP father.

"My dad passed away three years ago — thanks," Ford spat back.

That's the kind of campaign it has been for Smitherman, who admits that, six months into the marathon race to Oct. 25, he is not connecting with voters as well as the tightwad Etobicoke councillor.

"Clearly, there's an appetite for 'Just say no' (to city spending) that has been captured by my primary opponent, Mr. Ford," Smitherman said after two new polls showed Ford has erased Smitherman's once-healthy lead and perhaps pulled ahead.

Smitherman argues that now, with a "defined two-way race" and "Mayor" Rob Ford a tangible possibility, the media is starting to scrutinize Ford's policies and pronouncements.

Over the summer, he says, voters will shift from visceral anger at city hall spending to a more "aspirational" mindset open to detailed proposals for civic greatness.

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News in brief

PUBLISHING Penguin Group has filled one of two vacancies created by the departure of former CEO David Davidar. Andrew Phillips has been appointed president of Penguin International, according to a news release issued by the publisher. He will be based in Delhi and will head up Penguin's businesses in India, Africa and the Middle East. Phillips joined DK, part of the Penguin Group, in 2003 as managing director of international publishing and licensing before becoming deputy CEO for DK worldwide. Davidar was asked to quit his post earlier this month amid allegations of sexual harassment.

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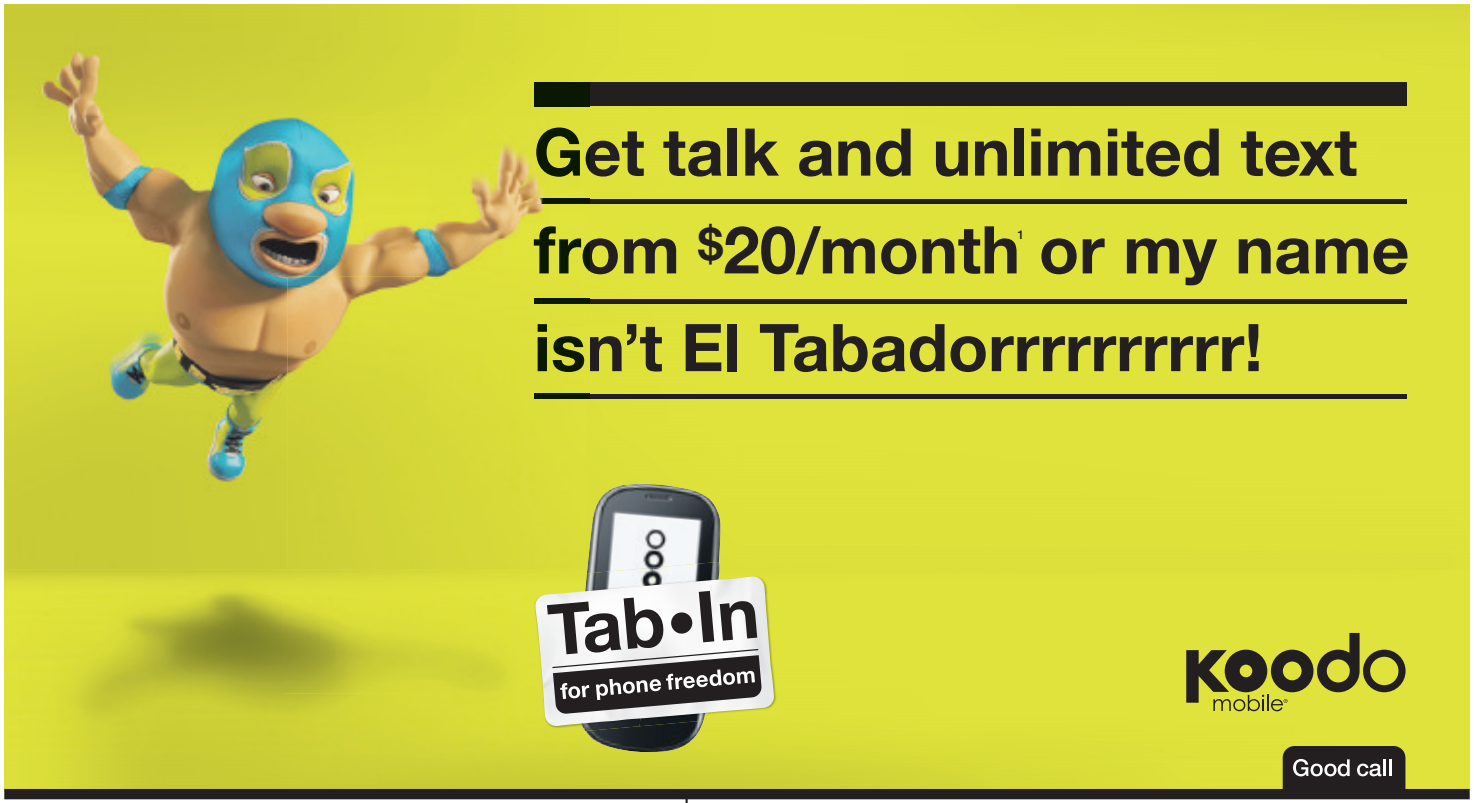

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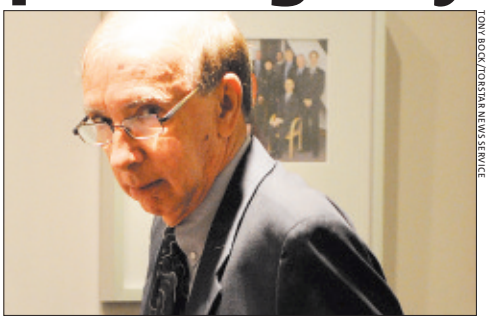
Shrink pleads guilty

A Whitby father who lost a custody battle for his two sons broke down in tears yesterday after a so-called doctor who inappropriately diagnosed him with a psychiatric disorder pleaded guilty to professional misconduct.



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Greg Carter appears at a disciplinary hearing by College of Psychologists of Ontario yesterday.

"It doesn't undo the problems that he has caused," said the father, who can't be named to protect the identity of his sons, ages seven and nine.

The College of Psychologists of Ontario found Gregory Carter, a psychological associate, guilty of straying beyond the scope of his profession in diagnosing the father, whom he never even met, with "narcissistic personality disorder."

A psychological associate is a step below a psychologist. While psychologists have doctorates, associates have only master's degrees. And some, like Carter, are strictly prohibited from diagnosing mental disorders unless supervised by a psychologist.

Carter has a legitimate master's degree, but his Ph.D. is from Pacific Western University, which the U.S. government has denounced as a "diploma mill." Still, Carter, 63, referred to himself as a doctor. He was thought to be a psychologist by officials with the Durham Children's Aid Society and by many judges and lawyers in the region's family court system.

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News in brief

LABOUR Auto parts maker Linamar Corp. says it is embarking on a three-year hiring spree that will see the company take on as many as 1,300 new employees at its southern Ontario operations. CEO Linda Hasenfratz says the company has already begun hiring and expects to finish its expansion by the end of 2011. About one-third of the 1,200 to 1,300 expected openings have already been filled. The new employees will build vehicle parts and components for the solar industry at Linamar's plants in Guelph. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cop faces child porn charges
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Stolen zoo animals found safe and sound

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Camels Shawn and Todd, 5, in an undated photo released by the Bowmanville Zoo.

A tiger and two camels whose disappearance made international headlines were relaxing back at home yesterday after being found by Quebec provincial police.

Jonas the tiger and camels Shawn and Todd were found safe in their trailer on a rural road Monday evening after an alert passerby saw the trailer and tipped police.

"They were in great shape," said Sgt. Ronald McInnis, a Quebec provincial police spokesman. "The veterinarian thinks that the people who stole the animals gave them something to eat and drink."

Dehydration had been a big concern as zookeepers feared a lack of water over three days could prove deadly for the missing tiger.

Police found the trailer in St-Edmond-de-Grantham, about 40 kilometres from the motel parking lot where it was taken on Friday.

The trailer and the truck pulling it were snatched while its driver took a rest break during the long drive bringing the animals from Nova Scotia to the Bowmanville, Ont., zoo.

Head zookeeper Stefanie MacEwan said the public will have to wait a little longer before getting a look at the animals in their habitat.

"The veterinarian wants to take extra precautions, just making sure everything is going well."

McInnis said police are still investigating and still don't have a motive for the crime. "It's the first time I've seen that," he said.

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Jonas the tiger.

Deal could mean a big boost for Magna

BUSINESS Magna International Inc.'s share price may skyrocket by as much as 17 per cent if a proposal to buy out founder Frank Stronach's voting control of the auto parts giant is approved by shareholders, analysts say.

17% Analysts predict that shares of the Toronto-based company could go up by as much as 17 per cent if a buy-out deal for founder Frank Stronach's shares is approved.

One analyst described the plan, which has been the subject of much brouhaha due to the enormous premium it would pay Stronach, as "short-term pain for long-term gain."

"While we concede that the terms of the proposal could be more compelling, we believe approval of the transaction is net positive over the long term on a number of fronts," UBS analyst Tasneem Azim wrote in a research note.

Azim predicted the deal could send Magna's share price soaring by approximately 17 per cent from its current level, closing a long-standing valuation gap between the company and its peers. However, if an attempt to block a shareholder vote is successful, the share price could drop five to 10 per cent from its current level, he added.

Azim has a 12-month price target of $84 for Magna's shares, which added $2.22 or more than three per cent to $71.51 in yesterday's trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The move followed a report that more than half of Magna's common shareholders have already sent in their votes, and of those, a vast majority support the plan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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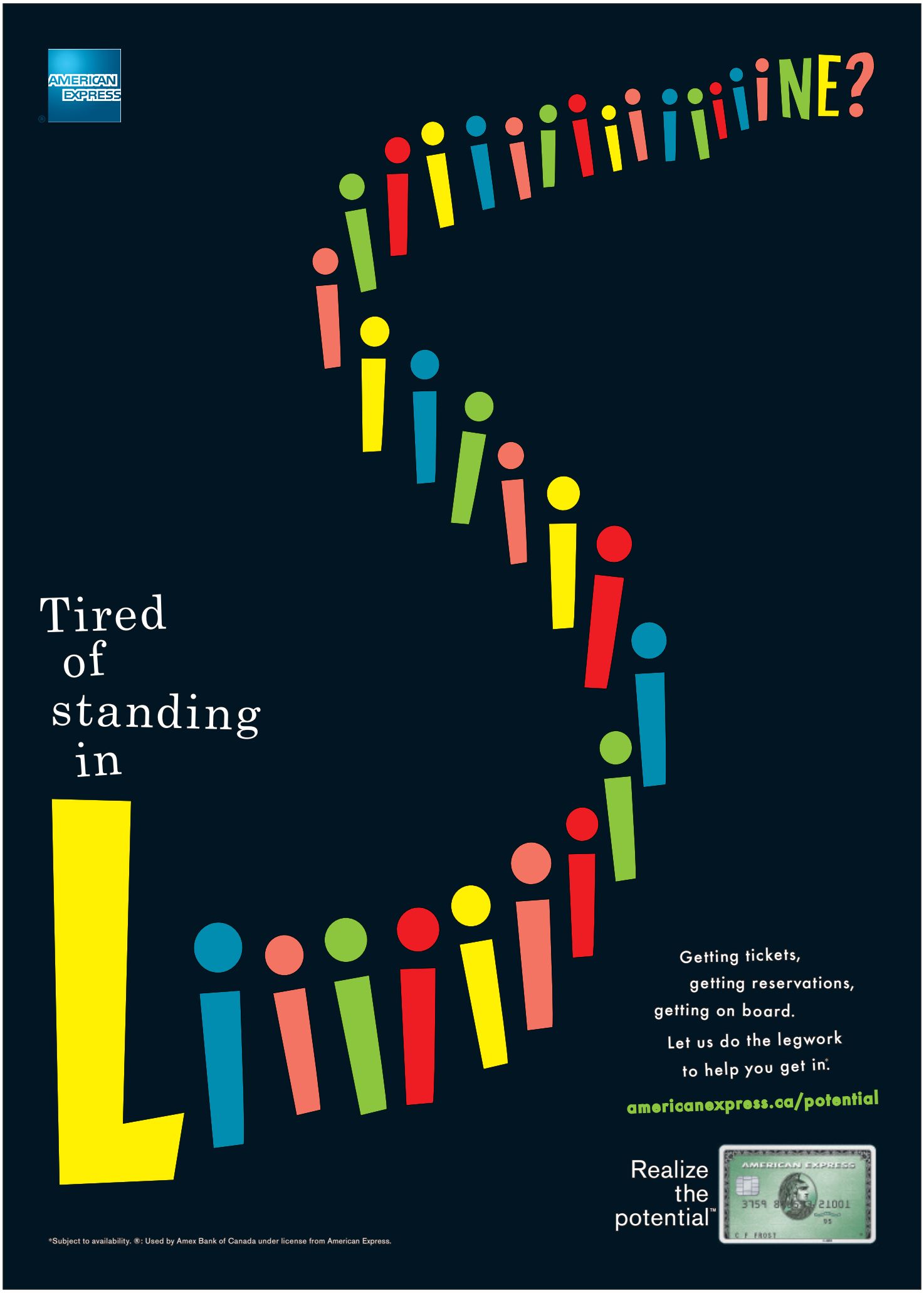
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Lawyer seeks acquittal for man convicted of sex attacks

The lawyer for a man who says he spent nearly 27 years in prison for sex assaults he did not commit says the B.C. Court of Appeal should acquit Ivan Henry. Lawyer David Layton has laid out a litany of injustices on the part of police and prosecutors, including failing to disclose evidence that could have exonerated Henry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Beluga dies at Vancouver aquarium

A beluga calf born to much fanfare last summer at the Vancouver Aquarium has died. Nala was born June 7, 2009, to Aurora, the aquarium's 20-year-old female beluga. She was the second whale calf born at the aquarium in recent years and her birth was broadcast around the world. But the aquarium announced yesterday that Nala had died after a two-week illness. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Law may send prison costs soaring: Official

Expenses could more than double, Page says

The Conservative government's tough-on-crime agenda is also tough on taxpayers, with the cost of running prisons potentially set to more than double, says Parliament's spending watchdog.

Parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page says the Truth in Sentencing Act could raise total prison costs to $9.5 billion a year in 2015-16 from $4.4 billion this year. It could also require the construction of as many as a dozen new prisons.

With that kind of price tag, Page isn't sure taxpayers can afford it.

"It's a lot of money in a period of time we're generating deficits," he said yesterday after releasing his report into the costs of the act.

The law — just one of the government's anti-crime initiatives — limits the credit a judge can allow for time served. Page said it will add about 159 days to average sentences, bringing the average time in federal custody to 722 days from 563.

> **"It's a lot of money in a period of time we're generating deficits."**
> Parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page

But the numbers are much higher in the provincial system.

"If you look at average head counts, they are twice as big in the provincial system — 26,000 every year versus 13,000 at the federal level," he said.

"The provinces and the territories carry the weight of the correctional services system in Canada so the impact is going to be enormous on the provinces and territories."

He estimates the provincial share of prison costs will jump to 56 per cent in 2015-16 from 49 per cent this fiscal year.

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Jean Chrétien tells Canadians to drop the cynicism when it comes to politicians.
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Ottawa **Checkup for ceremonial guard**

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Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean conducts the annual inspection of the ceremonial guard yesterday on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

Boy pinned between train, platform dies

CALGARY A young boy was killed yesterday when he became wedged between the car of a transit train and a platform full of people during the noon-time rush in Calgary.

"The child succumbed to his injuries at the scene," said Stuart Brideaux of Calgary Emergency Medical Services. "It's a young child, approximately four to five years old."

Police and transit officials were struggling to piece together what happened.

Witnesses suggested the boy may have been trying to get in after the doors were closed and somehow got caught upside down between the car and the platform. Some wept as they tried to describe what they had seen to Calgary police.

Brideaux said the child was with family members at the time.

Calgary's light-rail transit system, known as the C-Train, runs above ground on downtown streets and must share the road with other vehicles.

The accident created traffic chaos as streets were blocked. The train line was shut down and shuttle buses were used to get passengers to their destinations.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tory support undented: Poll

POLITICS Stephen Harper's Conservatives have sustained little damage from a scandal-plagued parliamentary session, a new poll suggests.

Stephen Harper

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey indicates the Tories have 34 per cent support, seven points ahead of the Grits.

In Ontario, the Tories were at 40 per cent, the Liberals at 32. In the key 905 ridings around Toronto, the Tories were at 43 per cent, the Liberals at 32.

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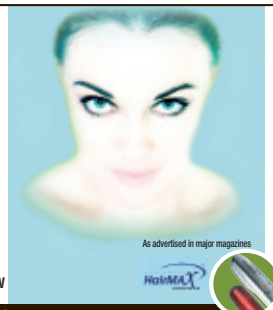

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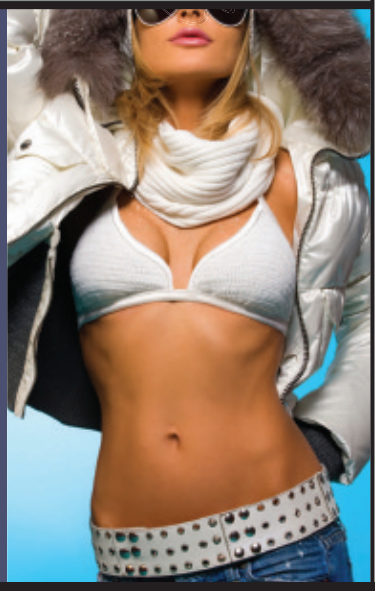

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The New Yorker has gone Canadian. The latest issue, which has a cover date of June 28, features all-Canadian ads. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada gets tough on Iran sanctions

Canada has toughened sanctions on Iran to bring them in line with a recent resolution by the United Nations.

The new measures would further limit Iran's access to uranium, nuclear materials and technology both directly and through third parties, such as key members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement yesterday.

The move comes ahead of the G8 summit, which is being hosted this week in Huntsville. The nuclear threats posed by Iran and North Korea will be high on the agenda.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said Canada will use its G8 presidency to press Iran to abandon what the West says is its pursuit of nuclear weapons.

"I would like to underscore, in no uncertain terms, that these sanctions are not intended to punish the people of Iran.

"Canada has the utmost respect for the people and their proud history," Cannon said.

The announcement brings Canada in line with its allies and with the June 9 resolution by the UN, which imposed a fourth round of sanctions on Iran.

"If Iran goes forward and continues with its constant threat ... and develops its nuclear capability, the consequence is frightening," said Cannon.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon speaks yesterday during a press conference at Foreign Affairs in Ottawa.

Report

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Mexico challenges Arizona immigration law

Mexico is asking a federal court in Arizona to declare the state's new immigration law unconstitutional. Lawyers yesterday submitted a legal brief in support of a lawsuit challenging the law. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Man arrested in sex hacking case

U.S. federal agents have arrested a man accused of hacking into computers to obtain personal data to extort sexually explicit videos from women and teenage girls in exchange for keeping their information private. The Los Angeles U.S. attorney's office says 31-year-old Luis Mijangos was arrested yesterday in Santa Ana. FBI experts say he infected more than 100 computers used by about 230 people, including at least 44 juveniles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rome **Fourth-century paintings unearthed**

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Catacomb superintendent Fabrizio Bisconti points to frescoes discovered with the earliest known icons of the Apostles Peter and Paul under a modern office building in Rome yesterday. Restorers said they had unearthed the fourth-century images using a new laser technique that allowed them to burn off centuries of calcium deposits without damaging the paintings.

General's job on line

Obama summons McChrystal over comments

U.S. President Barack Obama rebuked his Afghanistan war commander for "poor judgment" yesterday and considered whether to fire him in the most extraordinary airing of military-civilian tensions since Harry Truman stripped Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his command a half-century ago.

The White House summoned Gen. Stanley McChrystal to Washington to explain disparaging comments about his commander in chief and Obama's top aides. The meeting set for today was a last-ditch moment for the general once considered the war's brightest hope.

If not insubordination, the remarks in a forthcoming Rolling Stone magazine article were at least an indirect challenge to civilian management of the war in Washington by its top military commander.

McChrystal

"I think it's clear that the article in which he and his team appeared showed a poor — showed poor judgment," the president said.

"But I also want to make sure that I talk to him directly before I make any final decisions."

A senior U.S. military official in Afghanistan told The Associated Press the general has been given no indication that he would be fired but no assurance he would not be.

The development comes just weeks after Canada removed its top military commander in Afghanistan for allegedly having an inappropriate relationship with a female subordinate. Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard was ordered home and replaced by Brig.-Gen. Jonathan Vance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What was said

- In the article in Rolling Stone magazine, McChrystal complains that Obama handed him "an unsellable position" on the war, back when the commander was pressing for more troops than the administration was then prepared to send. "I found that time painful," he said.

McChrystal also said he was "betrayed" by Ambassador Karl Eikenberry, his diplomatic partner in Afghanistan. He accused Eikenberry of raising doubts about the reliability of Afghan President Hamid Karzai only to give himself cover in case the U.S. effort failed.

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Floods destroy Brazil towns

BRAZIL Officials scrambled yesterday to get food and medical aid to two flood-hit Brazilian states where torrents of water ripped through towns, killing at least 41 people and driving 120,000 from their homes.

Floodwaters toppled bridges and cut roads to dozens of cities. The Civil Defence department of Alagoas state received reports from local officials of 600 people missing in the chaos, but suggested most were not in danger.

"We think the number missing is much, much smaller," said Cpl. Edward Rocha, with the Alagoas Civil Defence. The heavy rains started last week and within two days dumped a month's worth of water on areas of Alagoas and neighbouring Pernambuco state.

Some small towns were nearly destroyed by the flooding.

Officials touring the hardest-hit regions near the city of Uniao dos Palmares in Alagoas said it looked like a tsunami had hit.

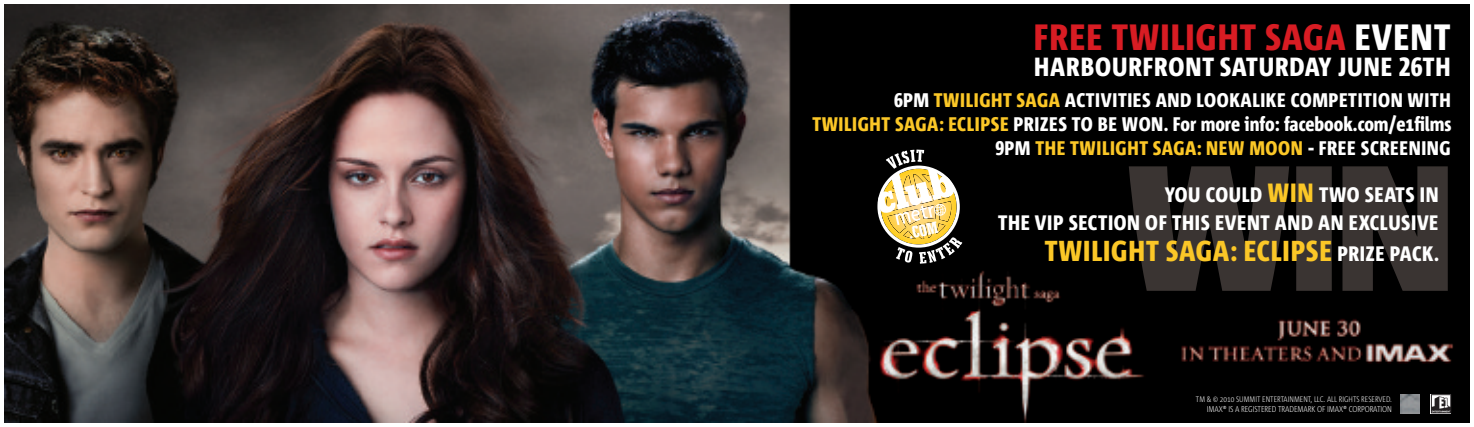
"I lost everything from one hour to the next," Nelito Sousa, a 32-year-old bricklayer, told the O Jornal newspaper. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Good news and bad news for Africa

REPORT Ten African countries have halved their poverty rates over the last two decades, but child mortality rates have increased in six sub-Saharan nations, a report on the UN's Millennium Development Goals released yesterday found. The countries that halved their poverty rates since 1990 include Ethiopia and Egypt and post-conflict countries such as Angola, the report said. However, in Nigeria and Zimbabwe, the proportion of the population living in extreme poverty has risen. Sub-Saharan Africa is the only region in the world with increases in the under-five mortality rate, which has risen in Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Kenya and Zambia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

ITALY Batches of Mozzarella balls turned blue because of bacterial contamination during production in Germany, Italian prosecutors and health officials said yesterday, after more than a ton of the suspect cheese was seized. The Turin prosecutor looking into the mozzarella mystery said testing had found bacterial contamination, but it wasn't clear yet how the contamination occurred. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Man shoots and kills baby

A man fatally shot a three-month-old child with a shotgun in a standoff yesterday, then was shot and wounded by New York state police. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China **Thousands flee flood**

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Rescuers carry a trapped child to safety in the flooded city of Fuzhou in central China yesterday. President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao have called for stepped-up rescue efforts after torrential rains brought down a dike, forcing 68,000 people to flee their homes.

Drilling ban overturned

A federal judge in New Orleans yesterday blocked a six-month moratorium on new deepwater drilling projects imposed in response to the massive Gulf oil spill.

The White House said the administration would appeal. It had halted approval of any new permits for deepwater drilling and suspended drilling at 33 exploratory wells in the Gulf.

Several companies that ferry people and supplies and provide other services to offshore drilling rigs asked U.S. District Judge Martin Feldman in New Orleans to overturn the moratorium, arguing it was arbitrarily imposed.

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Israeli minister pans tourist centre plan
Israel's defence minister criticized yesterday a plan to raze 22 Palestinian homes to make room for an Israeli tourist centre in east Jerusalem. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iran says ships on way to bust Gaza blockade

Iran said yesterday it would send a blockade-busting ship carrying aid and pro-Palestinian activists to Gaza, fueling concern in Israel, where commandos were training for another possible confrontation at sea.

Israel warned archenemy Iran to drop the plan. The Iranian announcement came days after Israel eased its three-year-old blockade of Gaza under international pressure following its deadly raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla last month.

"No one in their right mind can believe that a ship sent by the ayatollahs and their Revolutionary Guards has anything to do with humanitarian aid," said Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor.

"I don't think there is one single country in this region and beyond that would let such an ayatollah ship come near its coasts."

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International Mideast envoy Tony Blair visits the Kerem Shalom crossing, between Israel and the Gaza Strip, in southern Israel.

Security officials said the prospect of an Iranian boat headed for Gaza had Israel deeply worried, and that naval commandos were training for the possibility of taking on a vessel with a suicide bomber on board. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

After an international outcry over the killing of nine Turkish activists in a May 31 raid, Israel eased its land blockade of Gaza but insisted on maintaining a naval blockade.

International Mideast envoy Tony Blair has been at the forefront of global efforts to ease the Israeli blockade, and yesterday he told Gaza businesspeople and civic leaders that he expected the amount of goods entering Gaza to nearly triple within weeks. Gazans say they need far more than that.

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Finland names new PM
Finland's Parliament has elected Mari Kiviniemi, the new leader of the governing Center Party, as the country's prime minister. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York **Naked Cowgirl irks Naked Cowboy**

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Robert (The Naked Cowboy) Burck talks to reporters in New York's Times Square. Burck wants a woman who calls herself The Naked Cowgirl to stop ripping off his trademark. He has sent a cease-and-desist letter to Sandy Kane, who wears a red, white and blue cowboy hat and matching bikini.

UN forms Sri Lanka panel

The UN chief has appointed a three-member panel headed by a former Indonesian attorney general to look into alleged rights abuses committed during Sri Lanka's quarter-century civil war.

The panel is to be chaired by Marzuki Darusman, also the UN's special rights investigator to North Korea, the UN said yesterday.

Its job is to advise Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on alleged violations of international rights and humanitarian laws during the war's final stages.

The other two members are Yasmin Sooka, a South African who had been a member of the commission that investigated apartheid atrocities, and Steven Ratner, an American lawyer and author of a book on the struggle among nations to hold people accountable for human rights abuses.

The panel aims to get cooperation from Sri Lankan officials and complete its advisory work within four months.

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Canada's reputation on the line

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What do you get for $930 million? Well, you get 5,100 police officers, a three-metre high concrete and metal security fence, aerial surveillance, snipers, CCTV, even a water cannon.

What you may not get is security.

The federal government is throwing money at this week's G8/G20 summits at the breathtaking rate of $5,000 per second, yet the protest community, armed with the Internet, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter, is already unruly and disruptive — and it's only Wednesday.

Police have plenty of cause to be nervous, especially as the virtual vacuum is getting increasingly vitriolic. Something called the Southern Ontario Anarchist Resistance is promising to attack the nucleus of global capitalism.

Just because their rhetoric is ridiculous does not mean the people who believe they have a divine right to riot are not dangerous. Certainly, the nucleus of global capitalism is taking the threat seriously as thousands of employees are being told to stay home Friday or keep a low profile.

Here in Vancouver, we've already had some experience with boneheaded breaches of security. During the Winter Olympics, a group of masked "anarchists" opened the Games by smashing windows and trashing cars as shocked families with strollers looked on.

The sad truth is that $2 billion in security could not protect Vancouver from random acts of vandalism.

This weekend, the world's top 20 economic leaders will get together to try to work out solutions to the crisis that threatens the well-being of billions of people. Once again, Canada's ability to keep the peace is on the line.

For better or worse, the success of the G8/G20 rests on the sagging shoulders of the RCMP, Canada's once-proud police force. After the Air India and Robert Dziekanski Taser debacles, the RCMP could use a victory.

Let's hope that with $930 million to spend, they will rediscover how to "maintiens le droit" in time for the weekend.

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Word on the street: Do you think the G20 summit in Toronto is worth the more than $1-billion price tag?

Ray Harris
Toronto

A: No, I think it's a travesty. We've got poor people starving who can't even afford to eat. If I wasn't busy, I'd be out on the streets protesting.

Alexandra Harden
Toronto

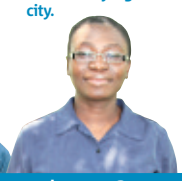
A: I'm glad it's coming to Canada. I think it's worth it because it's not going to cost the full $1 billion in the end.

Bruce Fiddament
Toronto

A: No. I work in a church as a custodian for not a great deal of money and I don't see much money coming in to the church.

Grace Assouma
Ottawa

A: They should do it by video conference. That would avoid spending billions on security and terrifying the city.



Marco Montagne
Calgary

A: No, considering the global economic crisis we're in the middle of. G20 members should have to manage by example.

Natalie Bocking
Mission, B.C.

A: One billion dollars ... is an absolutely ridiculous waste of money. If they want to work on diplomacy, we can do it in a much more fiscally responsible way.

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Torque sells rights to develop natural gas storage facility

Torque Energy Inc. says it has sold natural gas storage facility development rights for the Chatham, Ont., area to Union Gas Ltd. The agreement was made alongside Liberty Oil & Gas Ltd., with which the capacity rights for storage are split evenly. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Inflation not a worry

Rate well below Bank of Canada's 2% target

Not too hot, not too cold — Canada's inflation rate is about where Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney would want it leading into his next big decision on interest rates.

Statistics Canada reported yesterday that annualized inflation dipped four-tenths of a point to 1.4 per cent last month, and the central bank's core index slipped one notch to 1.8 per cent, well below the bank's preferred target of two per cent.

Analysts say Carney may still go ahead with his second interest rate hike in two months July 20, but it won't be because inflation is keeping him up at night.

On a month-to-month basis, Canadians paid 0.3 per cent more for goods last month than they did in April. Excluding energy, the national inflation rate stood at a tepid one per cent.

Overall, six of the major components tracked by Statistics Canada recorded price increases, most moderate. Transportation prices rose 4.1 per cent, largely due to gasoline.

Food prices, a key element of the index, went up a tame 0.8 per cent, the smallest increase since March 2008.

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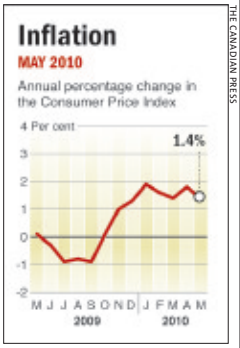

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Cruise line Revenue climbs

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Higher fuel costs cut into Carnival Corp.'s second-quarter profit, but the cruise line company said yesterday that its revenue climbed more than eight per cent to $3.2 billion US and a key performance measure rose for the first time in nearly two years. However, net income of $252 million was down 4.5 per cent from $264 million last year.

Business in brief

RADIO Rogers Communications is preparing to buy Bounce FM, tagged as "Edmonton's No. 1 music station", in the second purchase of a CTV radio station announced this week. Rogers said Monday it would buy BOB-FM in London, Ont., from CTV.

ENERGY Natural gas distributor Gaz Metro Inc. says it will create a dividend-paying company to deal with new federal tax rules that will begin taxing income trusts as corporations next Jan. 1. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Indonesia challenges cigarettes ban

Indonesia has asked the World Trade Organization to investigate whether U.S. laws are illegally preventing imports of clove-flavoured cigarettes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bank tax promised

Germany, France, U.K. going ahead with levy

Britain, France and Germany yesterday committed to levying a fee on banks to shield taxpayers from the cost of resolving financial crises and said they would ask other countries to join them.

In a joint statement, the three said they were each proposing their own legislation, but all would have the same goal.

"All three levies will aim to ensure that banks make a fair contribution to reflect the risks they pose to the financial system and wider economy, and to encourage banks to adjust their balance sheets to reduce this risk," read a proposal released by Berlin's finance ministry.

George Osborne

Germany declared its intention for such a tax in March and is drafting legislation to go to parliament before the summer recess, while British treasury chief George Osborne announced its version yesterday. France said it will present the details of its bank tax in the coming budget.

The issue has proved divisive within the G20, with the U.S. backing the European initiative, while others such as Canada and Australia — whose banks survived the global crisis intact — oppose it.

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Russel Metals plans Quebec service centre

STEEL Russel Metals says it is planning a 20,000-square-foot service centre in Terrebonne, Que., to operate under its Acier Leroux steel products division.

The Mississauga-based company said the new facility will provide same-day delivery and service to its smaller customers on Montreal's north shore, the company said.

"With the addition of this new service centre, we now have a total of 14 locations in Quebec and a total of 63 locations in North America," Russel Metals president and CEO Brian Hedges said in a release.

"Our Quebec service centre network is currently supported by our 450,000-square-foot operation in Boucherville, Que., and allows Acier Leroux to provide same-day service to all parts of the province."

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Everyone is looking for ways to save money. If you've done any household budgeting you know that the worst culprits for draining your resources aren't necessarily big expenditures and shopping sprees. More often the problem is the smaller expenses – the ones you don't even think about – that add up to a big tab at the end of the month. For example, people seldom think about how much they could save by changing their banking habits, or even their bank account.

Debit number-crunching

We might be more inclined to reach for our debit card rather than a credit card for daily purchases because we associate credit cards with interest payments. Besides, debit is so convenient! But if your banking plan doesn't include unlimited debit transactions, you may be paying more in service charges than you realize. Have a look at your monthly statement and compare what you're paying in fees to the cost of an account that suits your banking and purchasing habits better. For many of us, switching to an account that includes unlimited debits can help save money every month by reducing excess fees.

Living in the ATM age

ATM fees can add up too. You should always try to use your own bank's ATM whenever possible. If you don't, you could end up paying twice for each transaction – once to the bank whose machine you're using, and once to your own bank. But sometimes it's unavoidable. An account that waives ATM fees when you use another bank's ATM could save you from some of these charges. Another trick is getting cash back from retailers when you make purchases on debit.

Banking for two

Different people take different approaches to banking – some couples use a joint account for everything, and others prefer to keep their banking separate. Whichever scenario you and your partner or spouse fit into, you may be able to save on monthly fees by switching to a banking package that includes multiple accounts for a single fee.

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Quinn moves to Oilers' front office

Pat Quinn's return to coaching ended sooner than expected. The Edmonton Oilers bumped Quinn into the front office yesterday and promoted associate coach Tom Renney to head coach, a move the team said had always been in the works but was accelerated after a disastrous season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

Niedermayer decides to retire

Less than four months after leading Canada to Olympic gold, Scott Niedermayer felt he could leave hockey on top. After all, that's where the Anaheim Ducks' smooth-skating defenceman spent an incredible amount of his hockey career. Niedermayer, left, ended his 18-year NHL career yesterday, retiring after winning four Stanley Cup titles and a wealth of medals and trophies earned everywhere from junior hockey to the Vancouver Games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Hockey Hall opens door for women

HONOURS The Hockey Hall of Fame is set to enshrine women for the first time.

Female players Angela James and Cammi Granato were among those elected to the Hall of Fame yesterday. They were joined in the players category by former star NHL forward Dino Ciccarelli.

Longtime Red Wings executive Jimmy Devellano and the late Daryl (Doc) Seaman — a founding owner of the Calgary Flames — were elected as builders.

Cammi Granato

The induction ceremony will be held in November.

While women had always been eligible for induction, the Hall made it easier for them to be selected when it established a women's subcategory this year. Not selected were Eric Lindros and Joe Nieuwendyk. Both were in their first year of eligibility and seen as possible top candidates. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Post-Bosh planning

Raptors GM could take big man in draft

Bryan Colangelo admits he's thinking about the post-Chris Bosh era as he prepares for the NBA draft.

With Bosh slated to become an unrestricted free agent July 1, the Toronto Raptors president and general manager says he will be taking a serious look at the big men available tomorrow night.

"We have to be prepared for life with and without Chris," Colangelo said yesterday. "If that means drafting a big (man) then this is a draft with multiple bigs that we feel are pretty decent and so be it.

"But if there's another player on the board we feel that has more talent then we'll look at that as well. There is a lot of uncertainty with the roster so that leads to a lot of uncertainty with this pick."

Bosh, the all-star forward who leads the Raptors in career points (9,275) and rebounds (4,450), says he hasn't made a decision about next season yet.

Toronto has the 13th overall pick tomorrow and Colangelo said he has whittled the final candidates down to a manageable number.

"We have to be prepared for life with and without Chris."
Bryan Colangelo

"We've narrowed our list down quite considerably," Colangelo said.

"We've basically said that there's a couple of bigs on the board, a couple of wings and a couple of guards that we're interested in.

"With all the uncertainty roster-wise, we've said we're going to take the best player, the player we feel has the most talent and most upside and someone who will fit this organization long-term."

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Chris Bosh

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Serena Williams serves yesterday during her first-round match against Michelle Larcher De Brito on Day 2 of Wimbledon.

Serena, Nadal impress in Wimbledon openers

TENNIS American Serena Williams finished with an ace and a curtsy, showing she's ready for the Queen and much more at Wimbledon.

The defending champion won her opening match yesterday, relying on an overpowering serve to beat 17-year-old Michelle Larcher de Brito of Portugal 6-0, 6-4.

Williams won all 27 points on her first serve and hit 15 aces, the last on her final shot. As the crowd applauded her victory, Williams curtsied, mindful Queen Elizabeth II is expected to visit Wimbledon for the first time since 1977 tomorrow.

Williams plays her second-round match that day and has been practising her curtsy.

"I want it to be more natural," she said. "Right now it feels really forced."

The Queen may also get to see top-ranked Rafael Nadal of Spain, who advanced by beating Japanese wild-card Kei Nishikori 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. It was Nadal's first match at Wimbledon since he became the 2008 champion; he missed last year's tournament because of knee tendinitis.

"For me it was a very special moment to come back to this, probably the nicest Centre Court in the world," Nadal said.

"I'm enjoying a lot to be back in my favourite tournament."

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Sports in brief

GOLF Mike Weir, of Bright's Grove, Ont., won $270,000 in the Telus Skins Game yesterday at the Bear Mountain Resort. Weir's win came down to a 125-yard pitch-off on the final hole after the five pro golfers went skinless over nine holes.

NHL The NHL Players' Association has decided to extend the current collective bargaining agreement through the 2011-12 season. The agreement was originally set to expire after the upcoming season.

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Drug testing to be monitored at Tour de France
The World Anti-Doping Agency will monitor drug testing at next month's Tour de France. The International Cycling Union signed the agreement yesterday.

Jays drop bird battle

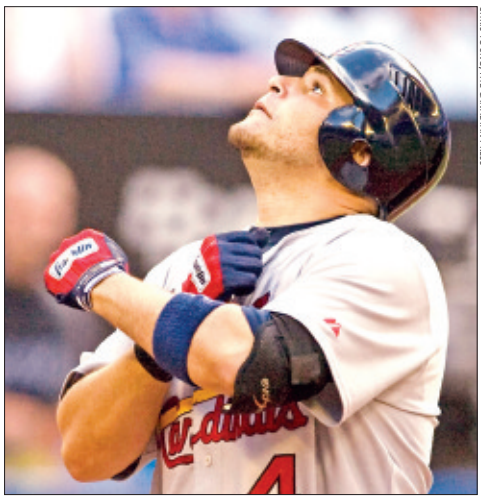
MLB RESULTS

Cardinals 9 Blue Jays 4

They say there is more to learn when times are tough rather than when things are rolling along, so it must be lesson time now for Brett Cecil.

The Toronto Blue Jays' sophomore lefty was hit hard for the second straight outing after a long run of success, roughed up for six runs over five innings in a 9-4 interleague loss to the St. Louis Cardinals last night.

The NL Central leaders were all over Cecil (7-4), who gave up eight hits, including solo homers to Yadier Molina in the second and the streaking Matt Holliday in the third. Things were essentially decided in the fifth, when RBI doubles by Holliday and Ryan Ludwick plus a two-run single by David Freese broke open a 2-2 game.



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St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina celebrates after hitting a home run off Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Brett Cecil in the second inning of last night's game at Rogers Centre.

Jose Bautista homered twice and drove in three runs for the Blue Jays (38-33), who tried to rally but lost their second straight before a crowd of 16,830. A run-scoring groundout by Adam Lind in the sixth and Bautista's solo blast in the seventh made it a 6-4 game before reliever Jason Frasor coughed up a two-run blast to pinch hitter Colby Rasmus in the eighth that sealed the deal.

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Henderson jersey fetches more than $1M

AUCTION Like his celebrated series-clinching goal, the bidding for Paul Henderson's legendary hockey jersey was a nail-biter with offers going for more than $1 million.

Bids jumped by hundreds of thousands of dollars in the final minutes taking the auction past $1,067,538.

Potential buyers had until 9 p.m. ET yesterday to place bids for the jersey, worn by Henderson when he scored Canada's winning goal in the Summit Series against the Soviet Union. The auction was to end at 9 p.m., but the frenzy of final offers meant the numbers kept running up for about an hour.

The sale price of the game-worn jersey stood at $411,00 just before the deadline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Record price

- The jersey passed from the hands of Paul Henderson, to Canada's trainer Joe Sgro as a gift, and then to an unidentified private American collector. The jersey had already set a record for the highest price ever paid for a hockey item via auction, eclipsing a Bobby Orr rookie jersey that sold for $191,200. It also garnered more than a few Wayne Gretzky jerseys sold privately for about $250,000, believed to be the most expensive pieces in the history of hockey memorabilia.

Argonauts name Lemon starting QB

CFL The Toronto Argonauts have settled on their starting quarterback.

Head coach Jim Barker said Cleo Lemon will start the 2010 campaign in the No. 1 spot and be under centre in the club's season-opening game July 1 in Calgary.

"Cleo Lemon, from Day 1, has shown us the leadership skills so he is the guy that we are going into Calgary with as our starting quarterback," Barker said on the Argos' website. "He gives us someone who is a great leader; he is a guy with very good mobility and is still learning the game."

The former NFLer was one of four quarterbacks in training camp.

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Sports in brief

NHL SCHEDULE It will be hockey night in Helsinki as the NHL opens its 2010-11 season on two continents and three countries Oct. 7. The Carolina Hurricanes will face the Minnesota Wild in Finland to kick off the season, the league announced yesterday. Other openers will be played on the same night in both Canada and the U.S.

NBA The Milwaukee Bucks have acquired forward Corey Maggette in a trade with the Golden State Warriors, sending them guard Charlie Bell and centre Dan Gadzuric in return. The Bucks also get a second-round pick from the Warriors in tomorrow's NBA draft

NBA Los Angeles Lakers centre Andrew Bynum's injured right knee has been drained for the third time in recent weeks, and the two-time NBA champion will have surgery next month.

NHL Tomas Plekanec will be a Montreal Canadien for a long time, and a rich one at that. The stocky centre opted to forego unrestricted free agency to sign a $30-million US, six-year contract yesterday.

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Slovakia coach lashes out

Slovakia coach Vladimir Weiss lost his cool after his tactics were questioned for Slovakia's 2-0 loss to Paraguay at the World Cup, hurling expletives at his country's media and threatening to beat up one reporter. The Slovak journalists association condemned the outburst yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World Cup

Terry sticking around

England coach Fabio Capello has ruled out dropping John Terry, left, for today's crucial World Cup game against Slovenia despite his annoyance at the central defender's outspoken comments about the team's poor performances.

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Uruguay	3	2	1	0	4	0	7
x-Mexico	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
South Africa	3	1	1	1	3	5	4
France	3	0	1	2	1	4	1

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Uruguay 1, Mexico 0
South Africa 2, France 1

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Argentina	3	3	0	0	7	1	9
x-South Korea	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Greece	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Nigeria	3	0	1	2	3	5	1

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

South Korea 2, Greece 0
Argentina 1, Nigeria 0

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Slovenia	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
U.S.	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
England	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Algeria	2	0	1	1	0	1	1

TODAY'S GAMES

Slovenia vs. England, 10 a.m.
U.S. vs. Algeria, 10 a.m.

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Ghana	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Germany	2	1	0	1	4	1	3
Serbia	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Australia	2	0	1	1	1	5	1

TODAY'S GAMES

Ghana vs. Germany, 2:30 p.m.
Australia vs. Serbia, 2:30 p.m.

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Netherlands	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Japan	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Denmark	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Cameroon	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

THURSDAY GAMES

Denmark vs. Japan, 2:30 p.m.
Cameroon vs. Netherlands, 2:30 p.m.

GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Paraguay	2	1	1	0	1	1	4
Italy	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
New Zealand	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Slovakia	2	0	1	1	1	1	1

THURSDAY GAMES

Slovakia vs. Italy, 10 a.m.
Paraguay vs. New Zealand, 10 a.m.

GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Brazil	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Portugal	2	1	1	0	7	0	4
Ivory Coast	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
North Korea	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

FRIDAY GAMES

Portugal vs. Brazil, 10 a.m.
North Korea vs. Ivory Coast, 10 a.m.

GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chile	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Spain	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Switzerland	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Honduras	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

FRIDAY GAMES

Chile vs. Spain, 2:30 p.m.
Switzerland vs. Honduras, 2:30 p.m.
x - clinched berth in second round
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SCORING LEADERS

THREE GOALS

Gonzalo Higuain, Argentina.

TWO GOALS

Elano, Brazil; Luis Fabiano, Brazil; Diego Forlan, Uruguay; Asamoah Gyan, Ghana; Tiago, Portugal; David Villa, Spain.

Déjà vu for Les Bleus

France ends its Cup bid with another humiliating loss

GROUP A RESULT

South Africa 2 France 1

VS

Strutting into the stadium dancing and singing, Bafana Bafana turned its final game at the World Cup into a rollicking party for all of South Africa. All that was missing was enough goals to see them through to the next round.

For France, yesterday's 2-1 loss completed a miserable meltdown.

With each team needing a big win to have any chance of moving on from Group A, both stuck to character. South Africa played eager and aggressive soccer. France imploded.

In the end, neither survived the group stage. But Bafana Bafana players left with their heads held high.

"The fighting spirit was there," said Katlego Mphela, who scored one of South Africa's goals. "It's a bit unfortunate, but we beat France in the World Cup."

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Katlego Mphela of South Africa scores his team's second goal against France yesterday.

Bongani Khumalo scored in the 20th minute when he outjumped France midfielder Abou Diaby to knock a cross from Siphiwe Tshabalala into the net with his shoulder. Mphela made it 2-0 just 17 minutes later, outmuscling defender Gael Clichy to reach a low cross from Tsepo Masilela and knock the ball across the line. Substitute Florent Malouda scored for France in the 70th.

France leaves the tournament with a point from a 0-0 tie with Uruguay, and just one goal.

For South Africa, the win was scant consolation: It became the first World Cup host in 80 years of the competition to be eliminated from the first round.

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Draw with Nigeria puts South Korea into second round

GROUP B RESULT

South Korea 2 Nigeria 2

VS

South Korea reached the second round of the World Cup by holding Nigeria to a 2-2 draw yesterday in their final group game.

Defender Lee Jung-soo and Park Chu-young scored for South Korea after Kalu Uche had given Nigeria the lead in the 12th minute. Ayegbeni Yakubu converted a 69th-minute penalty to draw Nigeria level again, but the Africans squandered a couple good opportunities to score a winner.

"During the game we conceded the first goal and that was a tough situation," South Korea coach Huh Jung-moo said. "But the players stayed cool and levelled the score."

South Korea will now play Uruguay in the round of 16.

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South Korea's Park Chu-young celebrates with teammates.

Africa's hopes now hinge on Ghana

GROUP D PREVIEW

Ghana vs. Germany

VS

Milan Rajevac wants his Ghana lineup to provide everyone in Africa with something to cheer about in the knockout rounds of the first World Cup on the continent.

Ghana leads Group D with four points and needs to avoid a loss against three-time champion Germany today to ensure it advances.

South Africa, Cameroon and Nigeria are already out of contention, while Ivory Coast and Algeria have only slim chances of progressing. That leaves Ghana as Africa's best chance of representation after the group stage.

Rajevac hopes African fans will now divert all their attention to Ghana.

"By being the only African team that has realistic qualification chances, most of the African fans will be behind us," Rajevac said. "It will give us extra motivation."

Ghana opened with a 1-0 win over Serbia and held Australia to a 1-1 draw. Germany thrashed Australia 4-0, then had a surprising 1-0 loss to Serbia.

"It's good for us to be in this position," Rajevac said. "It gives us a certain amount of satisfaction ... But it doesn't add pressure at all."

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Lionel Messi of Argentina is tackled by Sokratis Papastrathopoulos of Greece yesterday.

Backups enough to beat Greece

Argentina wins with most starters on the bench

GROUP B RESULT

Argentina 2 Greece 0

VS

Look out, world. Even playing mostly backups Argentina looks good.

Martin Demichelis and Martin Palermo scored second-half goals yesterday as Argentina beat Greece 2-0 at the World Cup to win Group B.

Coach Diego Maradona replaced seven starters from the Albiceleste lineup that ran up a 4-1 victory over South Korea, but it didn't matter much. Argentina still won its third straight game.

"We're showing ourselves that many of the things you (journalists) said were wrong," Maradona said, referring to predictions that his team, which struggled in South American qualifying, would do the same in South Africa.

"The players leave everything they have on the pitch, they're 100 per cent professionals and they make the people happy."

Captain Javier Mascherano and strikers Carlos Tevez and Gonzalo Higuain were all among those given the night off. That gave player of the year Lionel Messi the chance to wear the captain's armband for the first time. Turning 23 on Thursday, he's the youngest captain ever for the two-time world champions.

Demichelis scored from short range in the 77th minute after his header bounced off Diego Milito and back into his path. Palermo's came in the 89th from a rebound after Greece goalkeeper Alexandros Tzorvas had saved a shot by Lionel Messi.

"A well-deserved victory, no doubt about that," Greece coach Otto Rehhagel said. "We wanted to avoid an early goal, we managed to do that, but of course Argentina has more class and that earned them the win."

Greece was eliminated from the World Cup with the loss.

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Mexico next in line

- Mexico will play Argentina on Sunday at Johannesburg's Soccer City in the round of 16.
- Uruguay defeated Mexico 1-0 and won Group A. Mexico and South Africa each had four points, but the Mexicans advanced on goal difference.

U.S. and England face possible early exits

LAST CHANCE Group C was supposed to be a romp through the first round of the World Cup for the English and Americans.

That romp has turned into an obstacle course, and both teams have stumbled. Although each can advance to the second round today with wins, such victories hardly are givens considering how they have played.

The U.S. team fell behind to both England and Slovenia before rallying for two draws. England also has two ties, the second with Algeria causing all kinds of angst back home.

Not since 1958 in Sweden has England failed to advance past the group stage once it's qualified for the tournament. The Americans have not been so successful, but their hopes were high when they came to South Africa after finishing second to Brazil at the Confederations Cup a year ago.

A loss to Algeria would eliminate the Americans far earlier than most expected, and even a draw wouldn't be enough if England defeats Slovenia.

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Algeria's hopes

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Workology

Long roads for apprentices

According to a recent article from Statistics Canada, half of the 29,501 individuals newly registered in an apprenticeship program in 1995 completed their program at the end of the 11-year study period in 2005. Forty-two per cent never completed a program, and some eight per cent were still registered at the end of the study period, having neither completed nor discontinued a program.

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Being happy at work

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Robert Holden wants you to be happy.

The celebrated author, lecturer, philosopher and director of The Happiness Project and Success Intelligence has spent his career teaching people how to be happy, and how to leverage that happiness into being more successful in their lives and workplaces. His books and seminars have been featured on Oprah and BBC television and he has worked with major organizations like Dove, Virgin, IBM, Coca-Cola and Unilever to help their employees live better, more productive lives.

He says the value of true happiness is that it energizes people and gives them the tools to be more successful.

"Happiness is like an internal compass — it helps you to be authentic and enables you to be your best self. When you're drawing on an innate happiness, that helps you to be more successful and people who are happier to begin with do tend to be more successful in the long run," Holden said.

Holden dedicates his work to his parents, both of whom led difficult lives. His mother battled crippling depression and his father struggled with alcoholism, eventually leaving the family to become homeless when Holden was 15.

"When that happens, you start to question what is happiness, what is success. The Happiness Project belongs to my mum and Success Intelligence belongs to my dad. This is my spiritual journey," Holden said.

Robert Holden's five happiness tips

1 Build a definition of success: "We live faster than ever before but I don't think we necessarily live better. If your definition of success is isn't clear, your direction in life won't be clear."

2 Beware of chronic busyness: "One of the biggest blocks to genuine happiness is being permanently busy — we're too busy to be happy, too busy to be successful and too busy to be with our family. We've confused busyness with success but being busy is not a competitive advantage."

3 Avoid destination addiction: "Destination addiction is when you define happiness and success only in future terms — you're racing towards some imaginary finish line but you never get there. Of course you need a future goal but a successful life can only be the one you're living now. Learn to celebrate the small successes on the way."

4 Don't constantly go it alone: "If a project or situation feels like too much to do it on your own, you're not meant to do it on your own."

5 Give back by making yourself happy first: "There's a huge relationship between happiness and altruism. When you follow your joy, you become inspired and your happiness can spread to other people. I truly believe when you're happy, you make the world a better place."

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Jobs, education drive Gen X's

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Gen Xers tend to owe more and save less, experts say.

The post-baby-boomer generation aged 30-45 has a greater debt load and less money saved for retirement on average and buys more non-essential things on credit than previous generations.

A recent survey by Investors Group revealed mortgage holders aged 30-45 held a median mortgage value of $140,000, eight per cent higher than the national average and 33 per cent higher than mortgage holders aged 45-54. More than a third (38 per cent) of 34-45-year-olds surveyed are carrying $150,000 or more on their mortgage yet 88 per cent of all Gen Xers believe they will be mortgage-free once they retire.

Todd Morin, a regional director with Investors Group, says quicker, cheaper and more easily available credit than a generation ago has done much to fuel Gen X's spending and lack-of-saving habits.

"Gen Xers do tend to have an eight per cent higher average income and more education that helps with getting higher-paid jobs."
Todd Morin

"Gen Xers tend to be carrying too much debt. If they're just servicing their debt they're not putting much away. It's the buy-now, pay-later attitude: 'I need a 4,000 square-foot home, I need that new car now.' You want to own the house, you don't want the house to own you," Morin said.

When it comes to buying non-essential or non-investment items, Tom Hamza, president of the non-profit Investor Education Fund says consumer debt — any debt that isn't backed by an asset — is always bad debt and needs to be quashed as quickly as possible, especially by Gen Xers who need to get rolling on retirement saving.

The easy access to credit that Generation X has enjoyed has left many of the group severely in debt, a new release states.

"If you still have debt at this age, particularly consumer debt, you have a problem going forward if it's preventing you from saving for retirement. Ultimately your life will get more expensive over time and you'll need to save more," Hamza said.

Gen X's strong level of education and lack of pensions also work positively

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Colleges Ontario's 2010 Environmental Scan reports that despite the positive impact of the province's Reaching Higher Plan on operating grants for colleges, real operating funding per student in 2009-10 was about seven per cent lower than it was in 1994-95. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

high debt

to enable career mobility and make it easier for Gen Xers to find higher paying jobs. That being said, the highly educated aspect of the generation is adding to the debt situation.

"Because you don't have these pension plans, you do have a more mobile workforce and Gen Xers do tend to have an eight per cent higher average income and more education that helps with getting higher-paid jobs. They also tend to be technologically astute," Morin said.

Unfortunately, Gen Xers' career strength doesn't appear to transfer into their saving habits, which can make it harder to have a safety fund in case difficult situations happen.

"When you're 30 years old, retirement can seem like a long way off. A lot of people who are living paycheque to paycheque, if they get disabled or suffer a critical illness they have no income or savings to rely upon," Morin said.

Repaying

- To help pay off your debt, Investor Education Fund president Tom Hamza suggests a few tips:
- Figure out how much debt you have to pay off and then divide it into monthly amounts — saving $3000 at once might seem gargantuan but cutting it into $300 or $150 chunks split over 10 or 20 months makes it a lot more manageable.
- Set up an automatic withdrawal of a sensible, set amount every month that you use to either pay off debt or put money away. You will hardly miss the money once it becomes habit and you'll guarantee yourself better financial health.
- For tips about managing your money and debt as well as strategies for better financial health, check out the Investor Education Fund's free advice at getsmarteraboutmoney.ca.

–RAFAEL BRUSILOW

Sometimes irrationality is good

BookReview

The Upside **of Irrationality**
Author: Dan Ariely
Publisher: Harper Collins
Price: $29.99

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As members of the human race, we pride our selves in being sensible decision makers. According to social scientist Dan Ariely, author of the wildly successful book Predictably Irrational, we are in fact very irrational decision makers. Having seen Dan Ariely speak in the past, I was thrilled to hear he would be in town promoting his latest book, The Upside of Irrationality.

In his latest book he covers a number of his research findings including why large bonuses make CEO's less productive — the assumption being that "they will be motivated to work and perform at very high levels." Turns out this is not accurate, and the increased performance requirements and stress that are tied to these bonuses actually produces poor results.

I had to ask Ariely if Irrationality is different across nations … more specifically whether Canadians are more rational than our American counterparts. Turns out, its not the case. "Culture adds a layer that takes perspectives out of moral domains" says Ariely. Stating an example of how people will cheat "just a little bit" when they know they won't get caught. "We did the same tests in China, Israel and the United states and the results are consistent, despite cultural differences.

Ariely's approach to including his own life experiences and inquisitiveness make for a highly fascinating and entertaining read.

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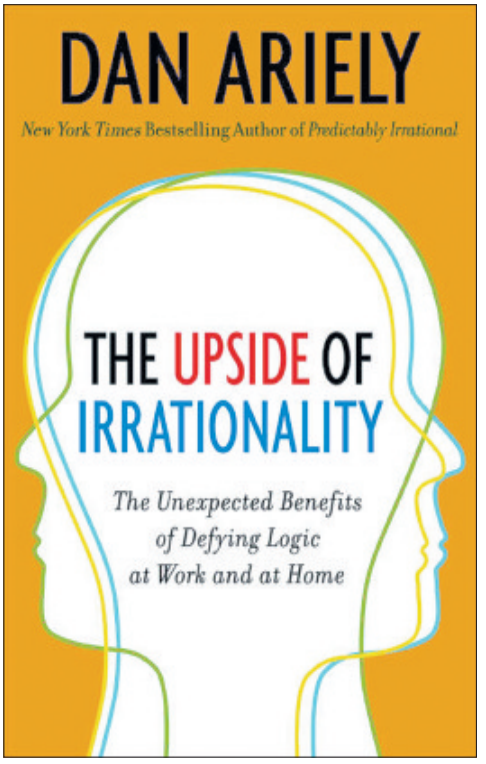

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Fired over looks not wrongful dismissal

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"Non-union employees have no 'right' to continued employment, however long or meritorious their service."

Reading last week's headlines about the case of Debrahlee Lorenzana, the New York banker claiming she was fired because her good looks distracted her male colleagues, raised an alarm as to the public's various misconceptions of critical issues in workplace law. Here are just a few of them.

In one article, the author claimed that Lorenzana's wrongful dismissal case against her employer sparked a debate over "workplace sexual harassment." Turning this case into an issue of sexual harassment could indeed be an interesting development in workplace law — except that it is wrong.

The Supreme Court has defined sexual harassment as a conduct of a sexual nature that adversely affects the employee's job or work environment. Lorenzana claims she was fired because she refused to change her attire when asked by her employer. So her claims are not really based on sexual harassment at all.

Was this a wrongful dismissal? Most employees believe they cannot be fired without a good reason. They are mistaken. Non-union employees have no "right" to continued employment, however long or meritorious their service. They can be fired as long as they are given severance. Whether Lorenzana's employer wanted to fire her because it didn't like her or how she dressed would make no difference as long as it paid her severance.

Is it discriminatory to rely on looks when firing an employee? In another article, the author suggested that if Lorenzana was treated differently because of her appearance, it could constitute discrimination under human rights laws. This would also be a major development in human rights law, except that it is also wrong. "Physical appearance" by itself is a not a prohibited ground of discrimination in any Canadian jurisdiction, unless a person's appearance is being judged due to a personal characteristic such as race or colour. That is, while it would be contrary to human rights laws to judge an employee based on her colour, whether or not she is attractive receives no protection at all.

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Sierra Heavy Duty priced
GMC has announced that the all-new 2011 Sierra Heavy-Duty will start at $35,600 for the 2500 regular-cab 2WD model. The lineup will also include the first offering of the Denali trim line on a heavy-duty GMC pickup, starting at $59,210. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Metro Drive

Sneeze road hazard

More than half a million U.K. motorists have lost control of their vehicle because of sneezing, according to the research by auto service company Kwik Fit. Fitting a pollen filter within the air conditioning system can be a big help if you're a sufferer. METRO WORLD NEWS

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The Jeep Unlimited Rubicon, the ultimate expression of Jeep's four-door version of the classic original, has been upgraded for 2010 with a long list of standard and available features to help you navigate the road less travelled.

Advantage Unlimited

ROB BEINTEMA
for Metro Canada

Dirt seems to be magnetically attracted to Jeeps. Which is understandable when you consider the Jeeps's off-road pedigree, and the 70 year bloodline of this battlefield-born, all-purpose sport ute.

The Jeep Wrangler is easily recognized as the "classic Jeep." The "Unlimited" name, attached to a particular type of Jeep, refers to the recent addition of a stretched-out, four-dour version that first debuted as a 2007 model at the New York auto show, four years ago.

At first glance, the Jeep Wrangler Unlimited might not be considered particularly unique since, despite its larger dimensions, it meticulously follows the old formula and traditional styling cues of the original two-door.

But Chrysler boasts that it is the only four-door, five-passenger SUV convertible on the market. And that specialized, SUV market, with true off-road emphasis, is fast becoming a monopoly, thanks to the thinning of the ranks — the diminishment of HUMMER and the uncertain future of Toyota's FJ Cruiser.

With more room for passengers and payload, the four-door formula seems to be working. In fact, I'd come to believe that I was seeing more Jeep Wrangler Unlimited four-doors out there than original two-door versions.

2010 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Rubicon

Type: Four-door sport utility
Price: Unlimited $24,495, Unlimited Rubicon$30,995
Engine: 3.8-litre OHV V6 (202 hp, 237 lb-ft of torque).
Fuel Economy: 14.1/10.8L/-100km (city/hwy) (manual);

Highlights

- Only four-door, five-passenger convertible SUV on the market
- Traditional styling

For 2010, Jeep has added equipment upgrades across the Wrangler Unlimited lineup. A new and improved Sunrider soft top, which includes a "sun roof" and full top-down option, makes it easier to remove the roof for that open-air experience.

A Freedom Top three-piece modular hard top with removable panels is also available.

Fog lamps, tow hooks, and a compass and outside temperature readout are now standard across the lineup.

Jeep has also reworked the dome lamp, installed bigger sliding sun visors with mirrors, adjusted the exterior colour palette and, among option packages, is offering new wheel styles and a Uconnect phone and navigation system.

The 2010 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited does has the familiar 3.8-litre V6 engine making 202 hp and 237 lb/ft.

Those numbers sound diminutive, considering the Unlimited's 1957 kg curb weight but the old OHV V6 responded with a roar and I enjoyed it, probably because I was making the most of the power through a long-throw six-gear manual tranny that chucks delightfully into gear and vibrates at speed like a drunk at a revival meeting.

The top-of-the-line Rubicon model that I tested went a long way to smoothing some of the rougher edges with two-tone slate gray leather seating, an upgraded audio and navigation system and all the bells and whistles expected in a modern SUV.

New Jetta's New York moment

PREMIERE Volkswagen held a world premiere of the entirely redesigned all-new Jetta in New York.

This model has a global presence with 9.6 million units sold already, and it is a bestselling model for Volkswagen in Canada and the U.S.A.

The new design projects a more dynamic image than ever before. The NCC (New Coupe Concept) car shown earlier this year at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit and at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto offered a preview of the new Jetta's styling.

Designers of the new Jetta sedan drew their inspiration from the coupe, and this bodes well for the potential sports appeal of the new Jetta.

This also means that the model will no longer be sharing body components with the Golf; rather, it will be a separate vehicle type that is just as independent as the Passat CC.

In addition, Volkswagen has tailored the new Jetta's Canadian equipment versions (Trendline, Trendline, Comfortline, Sportline, and Highline) to consistently meet the wishes, of Canadian drivers. FROM CARGUIDE

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Zotye on its way

The Zotye, an all-new electric SUV produced in China, is expected to come to North America within the next twelve months. No news yet if it will reach Canadian shores. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

Mercedes makes smart move

Without the special green and white paint, and "electric drive" broadcast in big letters on the side panels, you wouldn't know these particular smarts are veering off to an electric future.

They look identical to the second-generation smart cars, which Mercedes-Benz has been selling in Canada since 2007. In fact, they have identical interior and luggage space.

But there is a Tesla-developed lithium-ion battery tucked under the floor, between the axles, and a 30 kW electric motor residing out back, exactly where the gas engine and transaxle usually reside.

There's also an electrical receptacle. A full charge takes about eight hours, and gives you a range of 135 kms.

On this particular June morning in Brooklyn, New York, we have a full charge. We're part of a largish group of journalists invited here to sample the cars, before their first major North American testing experience this fall.

But before I turn the key, however, I'm reminded that the line to sustainability will not be straight and predictable. There will be some zigging, some zagging, and a few paradoxical moments, like this press trip. Ponder, if you will, the total carbon footprint of flying this many international journalists to New York City, so they might drive a zero-emission vehicle for a few hours.

My first impression of the actual vehicle is that "electric drive" has actually made the smart better. I've never been a fan of the smart's herky-jerky semi-automatic transmission. The electric smart doesn't need one — just one single fixed gear running off the motor. It doesn't shift, which makes it the perfect automatic.

North American testing for the smart electric drive begins in fall.

It also scoots across an intersection from a dead stop faster than a petrol smart, though its 0-60 km/h time of 6.5 seconds is the same as a petrol smart.

The electric motor is quiet. With the top down, the most prevalent noise coming into the cabin was the buzzing of the DC to AC converter. The buzzing is connected to speed, so goes up and down in pitch as you tool around.

Handling didn't seem at all compromised by the 300-plus additional pounds of the electric drivetrain, probably because most all of that extra weight is the battery, which sits as low as it can in the car.

It's not quite like driving a big electric golf cart, but not that far off either.

Discussions will be ongoing, whether electric is the solution for mass transportation, or just for cities, or only if the electricity comes from clean sources

We'll leave them for another day, and simply say that the smart electric drive is a hoot to drive, especially with the top down on a beautiful day in the Bronx.

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electric timeline

- **2007:** Second-generation smart debuts, engineered from onset for both petrol and electric powertrains. Begins testing with everyday users in London, England, with sodium-nickel-chloride battery.
- **Fall 2010:** Testing begins in North America, with 250 vehicles for U.S. and 45 for Canada. No Canadian pricing yet, but U.S cars offered at $599 per month for four years and $2,500 down.
- **Spring 2012:** Serial production begins of the smart fortwo electric drive, with new battery developed by automaker.

U.S. cars beats imports in quality: Study

U.S. automakers have surpassed foreign brands for the first time in a survey that measures the quality of new cars and trucks.

J.D. Power and Associates said last week that owners of vehicles made by Detroit automakers reported fewer problems on average during the first 90 days of ownership than those built by companies based overseas.

It was the first time that has happened in the 24 years the industry research group has conducted the annual quality study that is a closely watched measure of the durability and reliability of vehicles.

U.S. automakers have long lagged foreign brands, especially those from Asian manufacturers like Toyota, which many consumers believe produce higher quality cars and trucks than General Motors, Ford and Chrysler.

But J.D. Power said Ford Motor Co. showed some of the biggest gains in quality among individual brands, moving into the fifth spot. Porsche was the top scorer. Toyota Motor Corp., which has suffered through huge safety recalls earlier this year, saw its score drop.

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Overall number of average problems reported by Land Rover — the highest among all automakers.

"Domestic automakers have made impressive strides in steadily improving vehicle quality," said David Sargent, J.D. Power's vice-president of global research.

The study ranks vehicles according to the number of problems reported per 100 vehicles. The overall average for the industry was 109 problems per 100 vehicles. That industry average has fallen steadily over the past decade.

U.S. manufacturers scored an average of 108 problems, while foreign companies posted 109 problems. That is a marked difference than just 10 years ago, when import brands had far fewer initial problems than those made by U.S. companies.

Land Rover had the highest overall number of average problems with 170.

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Ford was the best scorer among non-luxury brands, with 93 problems per 100 vehicles. J.D. Power said that Ford has shown steady improvement over the last nine years.

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BMW 5 Series best of sport

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
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MODEL: 1997 to 2003 BMW 5-Series
VEHICLE TYPE: Sedan/wagon
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $5,000 to $16,500

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: Believe it or not, one of the world's most highly regarded German sports sedans is now a relatively affordable used car buy. For generations, the BMW 5-Series has been sought after by luxury and performance enthusiasts alike for its world-class blend of instantly-recognizable styling and performance.

One of the most popular 5-Series generations is called the E39 by enthusiasts and BMW engineers. Available in the Canadian marketplace through model years 1997 to 2003, it was available as a sedan or wagon with a selection of driveline hardware and options.

Engine choices on standard cars in this 5-Series generation included both 2.5 and 2.8 litre straight-six engines with 184 or 193 horsepower, or a three-litre straight six with 230 horsepower. BMW 540 models were fitted with a 4.4 litre V8 that boasted output approaching 300 horsepower.

Look for a full complement of airbags, antilock brakes and even stability control on every 5-Series model from this generation. Xenon lighting, a sport package and navigation were available, too.

Second Gear

The 1997-2003 BMW 5 Series is one of the most desirable sport sedan lineup in the world.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Existing 5-Series owners typically say they love the understated styling, impressive sportiness, performance and acceleration in models with the larger engines. A high-quality and high-luxury feel are also big positives as stated by 5-Series owners.

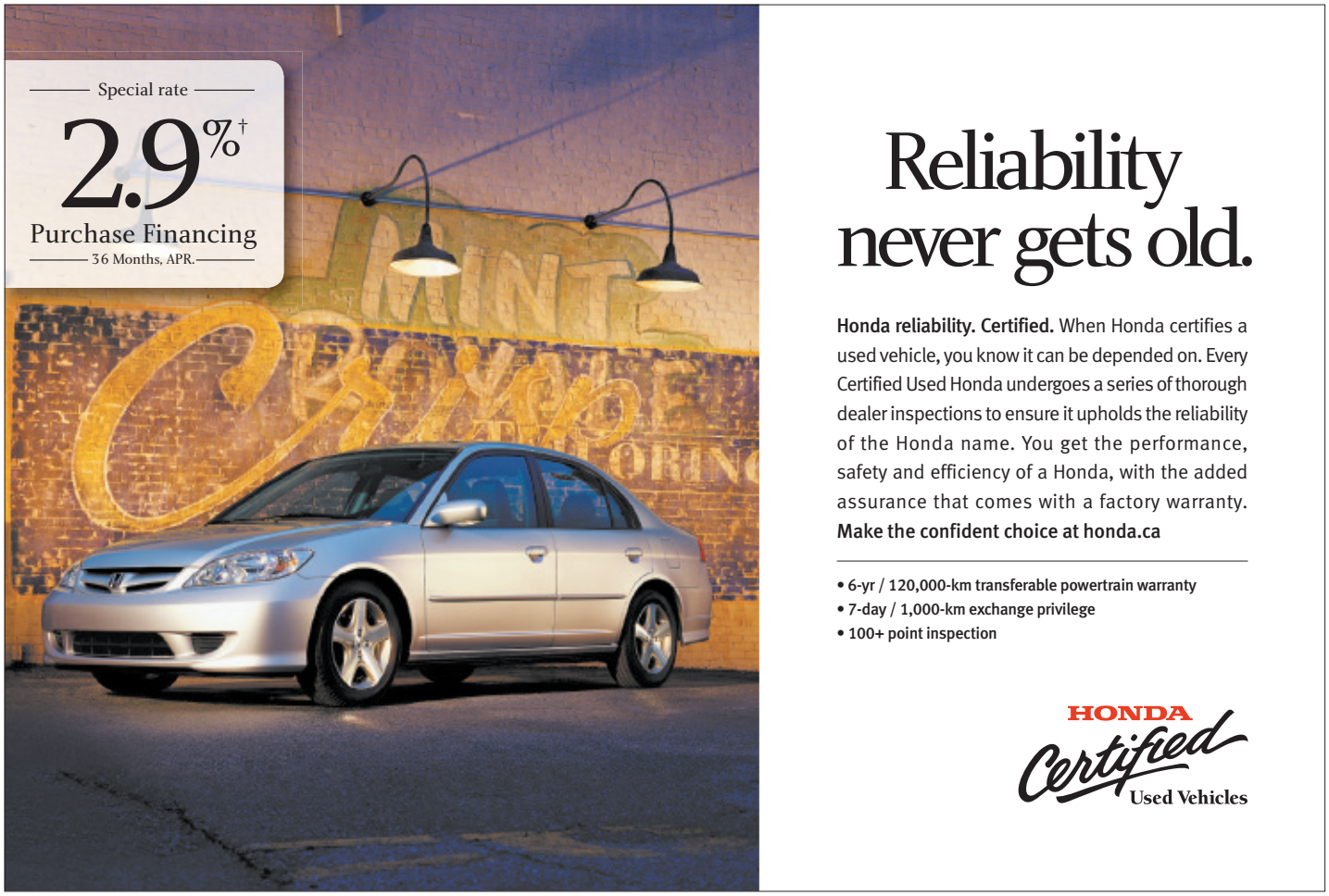
WHAT OWNERS HATE: The most common 5-Series complaint by its owners relates to the cupholders. There aren't any Timmies drive-thru's in Germany, and as such, the 5-Series factory cupholders probably won't accommodate your morning java. Owners also complain of an unreasonably small trunk and cramped rear seating.

COMMON ISSUES: Of course, the BMW 5-Series is no Dodge Neon by repair cost standards, but reasonable prices and a fairly solid reputation for reliability should ease concerns.

As it is with many German cars of this era, electrical, wiring and sensor problems tend to be the most prevalent. Ensure all electronics and features work as expected on your test-drive — including all lights, instrument cluster indicators, and the automatic climate control system.

Note any 'check engine' lights and have them diagnosed before agreeing to purchase, too. Paint and leather should also be scrutinized for signs of abnormal wear.

THE VERDICT: Find an acceptable price on a well-loved 5-Series, and you're on your way to one of the world's best all-around sport sedans. Just invest in an aftermarket cupholder for that morning coffee.



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True north under the hood

What's a quintessential Canadian car? Ottawa show tries to find out

TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Canada

There is no clear way to determine what makes an automobile quintessentially Canadian.

Does the car have to be designed and produced entirely in Canada, to be considered a Canadian car?

If so, the first car to meet those criteria is a steam buggy unveiled at the Stanstead Fair in 1867, by Henry Seth Taylor, according to Suzanne Beauvais, assistant curator of the In Search of the Canadian Car exhibition, which kicked off yesterday at the Canadian Science and Technology Museum in Ottawa.

The first successful production line Canadian vehicle, however, said Beauvais, was produced by the Russell Motor Car Company in 1905 in Toronto. Russell later changed its name to the Canadian Cycle and Motor Company. Even though they stopped making automobiles in the 1916, the CCM continues to be major brand for bicycles and hockey equipment.

More recently, there is the Manic GT, which was designed and built in Granby, Que., using engine components from car manufacturer Renault. It was last built in 1971.

Although the company producing the car may not be based in Canada, it could still create The Canadian Car, said Beauvais, using parts and labour entirely from Canada.

G.M., Chrysler, Ford and Volvo all have had plants in Canada. Volvo moved into the Canadian Market because they believed their cars were already ideally suited to the Canadian climate.

"It's always these criteria (performance and price) that Canadians are looking for."
Suzanne Beauvais

The parts industry is still very important in this country.

Many of the cars built here were marketed specifically to Canadians, with names chosen for their association with the country, said Beauvais. Ford built the Monarch, Montcalm, Niagara and Rideau.

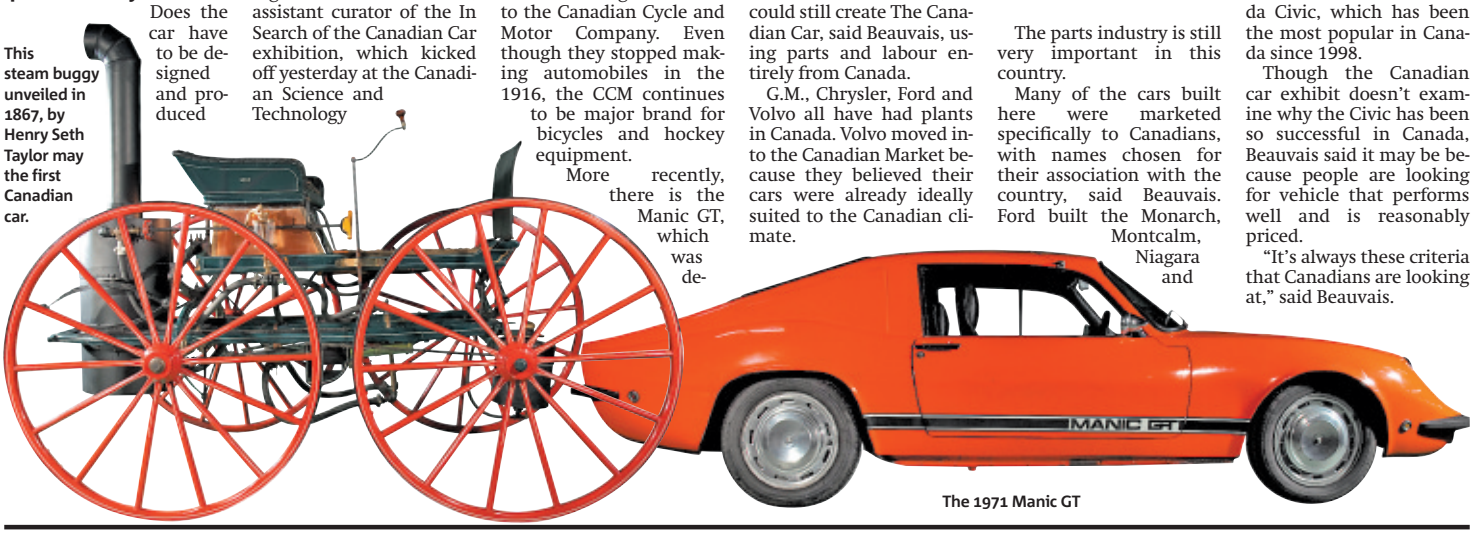
GM had the Pontiac Laurentian and Acadian.

Finally, The Canadian car may simply be the most popular on the road, said Beauvais.

That would be the Honda Civic, which has been the most popular in Canada since 1998.

Though the Canadian car exhibit doesn't examine why the Civic has been so successful in Canada, Beauvais said it may be because people are looking for vehicle that performs well and is reasonably priced.

"It's always these criteria that Canadians are looking at," said Beauvais.



This steam buggy unveiled in 1867, by Henry Seth Taylor may the first Canadian car.

The 1971 Manic GT

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Driving therapy for Jersey Boys actress

MyDrive

Name: Cleopatra Williams

Who she is: A singer, dancer and actress who is currently starring the hit Toronto musical Jersey Boys. Williams has also starred in We Will Rock You and toured with the Raptors Dance Troupe. Her ultimate goal is to star in all the big shows that come to Toronto.

Her drive: A silver 2000 Dodge Caravan.

Why the Caravan? Everyone asks me "why do you drive a mini-van?" A long story short, I took over the lease from my parents and it's now paid off. I think I'll probably drive it into the ground. It's not my dream vehicle, but it gets me around and it's still working pretty good.

Dream car: A Mercedes Benz SLK 350 Roadster. That would be my ultimate car. But I'd be happy with a Toyota Rav4 or a Mazda.

Best feature in the Caravan: It is actually really nice to be really high off the ground in the van, which is why I'd like a Roadster or a Rav4 in the future.

What would we find in your van? There's so much fun stuff, you'd probably laugh. I have so many gigs and cabaret shows, so it's filled with costumes and props and all these weird things from shows — top hats, ears, canes, random stuff.

Are you a big road tripper? I've taken the Caravan to Buffalo to go shopping, up north to cottages, nothing too exciting. But I have to be careful. I can't overdo it. I don't like to drive the Caravan too far. But I do like to drive. I find it really relaxing and therapeutic, actually. It's me time, alone time.

What kind of driver are you? I'm a very aggressive driver, a very confident driver. When I was younger, I seriously thought about being a racecar driver. I'm not afraid of going fast. A lot of people don't like driving downtown, but I love it.

Heather Buchan is a Toronto-based journalist who has worked at Homemakers, Canadian Living, Canadian House & Home and, most recently, Hello! Canada, where she cut her teeth in the world of celebrities.

Cleopatra Williams is currently starring in the musical Jersey Boys.

Synthetic oils have the Edge

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

Without oil, your engine would self-destruct just by running: it requires lubrication to help its parts move smoothly and to reduce heat.

A lot of research goes into automotive lubricants, including the technology in Castrol's new Edge synthetic oil.

Oil blends begin with "basestocks," which are classified by groups: Group 1 is conventional mineral oil derived from crude, with Group 2 and 3 oil basestocks being more highly refined versions of it. Group 4 is full synthetic that's chemically derived, mostly from ethylene gas, into polyalphaolefins, or PAO.

This synthetic basestock avoids the impurities that are found in crude oil, and which can affect the oil's lifespan and its ability to protect the engine.

Driving Force

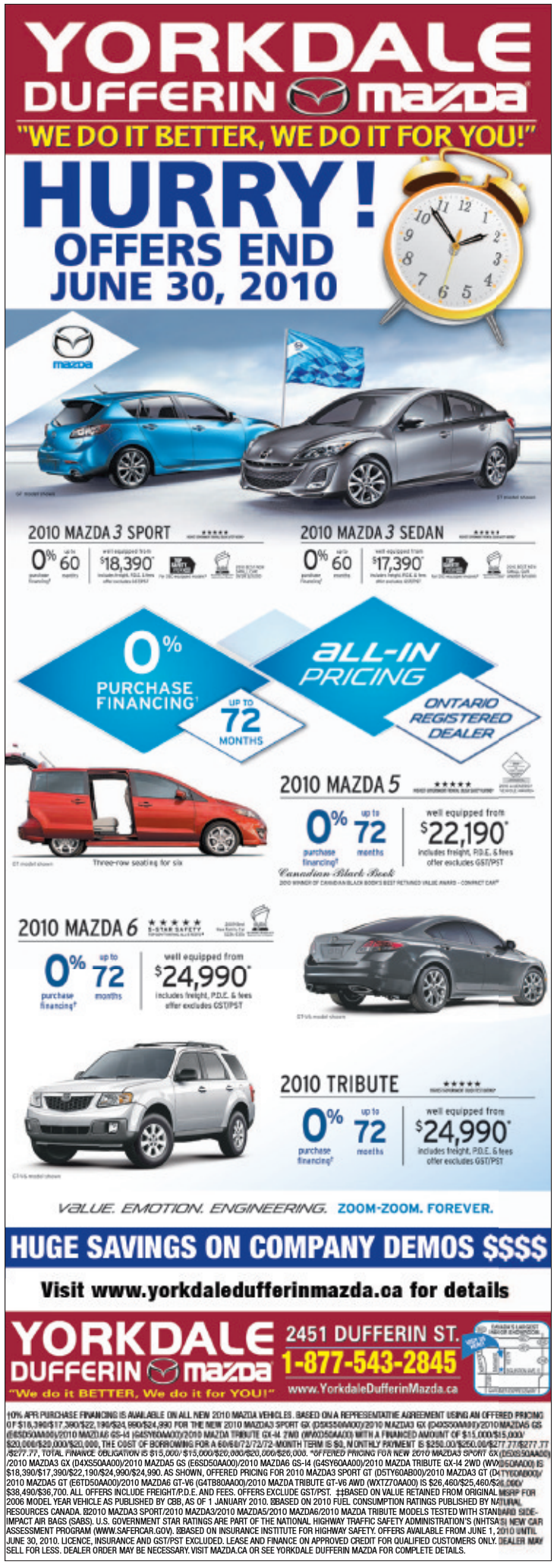
"Edge contains PAO as part of the basestock, and that's one of the key ingredients that gives it superior performance," says David McDuffe, product and pricing manager for Wakefield Canada. "The chemicals provide stability. Synthetic oils will stay fluid in almost all weather conditions and have less wax in their composition, and that will lead to easier cold-weather starting."

Motor oils, both conventional and synthetic, contain various additives to improve wear protection, prevent the oil from foaming as it's circulated through the engine, and to help keep the engine's components clean.

"The detergents and antioxidants are for protection," McDuffe says.

"Thermal breakdown under normal driving conditions can lead to build-up. Deposits adhere to the pistons and rings, which leads to reduced performance."

In addition to engine cleanliness, synthetic oils also improve fuel efficiency, provide better protection at engine start-up, and help reduce emissions, McDuffe says.



Cash incentive for LEAF

The all-electric Nissan LEAF — the world's first mass-marketed all-electric, real world car — will be eligible for the maximum incentive of $8,500, according to the transportation minister of Ontario. METRO NEWS SERVICES

The 2011 Infiniti M sedan is one of the best handling cars yet produced by Nissan/Infiniti.

In class of its own

New M most likely Infiniti's best effort yet

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

"This is the best car they've ever built," my usual co-driver said over and over again.

He was talking about the 2011 Infiniti M sedan. The only question was which one?

First let me set the stage. The M is now in its third generation; the first one debuting in 2003.

Like the last generation M there is one sedan with a choice of two engines and rear- or all-wheel-drive (RWD or AWD). They are badged as the M37, M37x, M56 and M56X respectively.

The M37 uses the latest version of the long-serving "VQ" DOHC V6 but now with variable valve lift technology producing 330 hp and 270 lb/ft of torque, up 27 hp and 8 lb/ft over the current model. Fuel economy has been improved to 11.4/7.6L/100 km city/highway for the RWD and 12.0/8.3L/100 km city/highway for the AWD.

The M56 uses a 5.6-litre DOHC V8 now with gasoline direct injection for a thumping 420 hp and 417 lb/ft of torque up an impressive 95 hp and 81 lb/ft over the current model. But fuel consumption is actually slightly better at 12.9/8.0L/100 km city/highway for the RWD and 13.4/8.5L/100 km city/highway for the AWD.

Of the two, the M37x, probably because of the AWD, seemed more sure-footed but not as fast as the M56 when it came to coping with road conditions.

Over a stretch of about 400 km from Nanaimo to Ucluele in British Columbia and back, surfaces ranged from four-lane highway, to twisting two-laners overland to challenging off-camber 30 km turns across the tops of the mountains in rain, drizzle and sun.

The M56 was by far the most powerful. With all that newfound torque, passing was a breeze even on the few short stretches available.

The other thing was the M56 had the upgraded 20-inch wheels with low profile tires which were less compliant on uneven and rutted roads than the standard 19-inch tires with slightly higher sidewalls as fitted to the M37x.

Making spirited driving all the better was the standard seven-speed automatic. Heading into a corner, with the brakes either on hard or soft, the transmissions blips the throttle during down shifts and always, it seemed, at the right moment now matter how slowly or urgently I used the brakes.

Dream Car

The new M sedans are also the best looking cars to come from Infiniti in a long time. Much of the inspiration comes from the Essence concept car that got such rave reviews last year on the car show circuit.

You can see it in the high rising front fender line and the low-slung grille. Slightly wider and longer than the current model, it is also 76 mm lower giving the M a more balanced profile.

The interior is tasteful, and I don't say that very often about Japanese cars. Sure it's about fine leathers and woods, but where you see the thought is in the many finishing details like the teardrop shape of the inside door pulls and their surrounds. They pick up the flowing shape of the instrument panel and carry it on past the front seat where they are repeated in the back.

2011 Infiniti M

Type: Premium sports sedan
Price: M37 from $52,400, M56 from $66,200
Engine: 3.7-litre DOHC V6; 5.6-litre DOHC V8

Highlights

- Great looking interior and exterior
- Excellent handling

The mix of materials used on the interior won the prestigious 2010 Ward's Auto Interior of the Year award in the Premium Price Car Category for Infiniti.

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LAUREN ROMANILLOS
Metro World News

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Karel V
(karelv.nl)

Brasserie Domplein offers a fine lunch (sandwiches for about $5) and is also visited by locals. Want to go fancier? Head to Karel V, in an old monastery. It has a Michelin star, and you'll pay for it, but it's very nice and accessible in jeans.

Museum Catharijneconvent

SPEND THE AFTERNOON

Shopping and museums

Go shopping in one of the typical Utrecht-shopping streets like the Zadelstraat or the Oudkerkhof. If you want to do something cultural visit Museum Catharijneconvent (catharijneconvent.nl) or see trains at Spoorwegmuseum (spoorwegmuseum.nl).

WHERE TO HAVE DINNER

Along the canal

Depending on the afternoon activities you'll find yourself starving or not that hungry at all. Alongside the canal there are lots of terraces. If the weather's nice they're crowded, but in time you'll always a place. Just take a walk along the canal and follow your nose.

HOW TO SPEND THE NIGHT

Filemon
(filemonenbaucis.nl)
Quignon
(quignon.nl)

Go dancing at either Filemon or Quignon. Since you are in Holland you might want to try some legal soft drugs. The Blow-Boat on the Wittevrouwensingel is a coffeeshop on a boat.

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5 San Fran dining destinations

Exploring culinary delights for any day on the West Coast

VINCENT FORTIER
Metro World News

The United States may not be the first destination that comes to mind when thinking about culinary tourism. However, if you look a little closer, California may be the exception to the rule.

Especially in San Francisco, where you can eat really well without losing your shirt. Here are our five suggestions depending on the type of day you're having.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Greens has a lot to offer if you aren't a vegetarian.

1 THE EXHAUSTING DAY

Cha Cha Cha

A day of soaking up the sights of San Francisco on foot means you'll be ready for a decent meal at night.

After walking through Golden Gate Park, stop at this hip California-style restaurant, in the coolest neighborhood of the city, the hippie Haight-Ashbury. If the place is full, wait on the bar side with a pitcher of sangria. For dinner, order tapas… lots of tapas!

1801 Haight Street
(cha3.com)

2 THE HEALTHY DAY

Ferry Building Marketplace

The Market is a really inspiring place. You'll find local products from wines to chocolates and several restaurants and cafés too. Every Saturday morning, the outdoor Farmer's Market attracts lots of locals.

(ferrybuildingmarketplace.com)

3 THE RAINY DAY

Vesuvio Café

Don't let California's occasional downpours stop you. After making an obligatory pilgrimage to City Lights Bookstore to find the writings of the Beat Generation, set foot next door, at the Vesuvio Café. This is where Cassady and Kerouac started it all — the spiritual home of cool. (vesuvio.com)

Head down to Vesuvio Cafe on even the worst of days.

Cha Cha Cha is a city staple.

4 THE GEEK-CHIC DAY

Moma

Reserve a day for SoMA (South of Market Street), downtown, Mission and Castro (the gay village) and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art celebrating its 75th anniversary.

A pastry and a coffee on the rooftop or a light meal at the restaurant on the first floor, you decide.

(sfmoma.org)

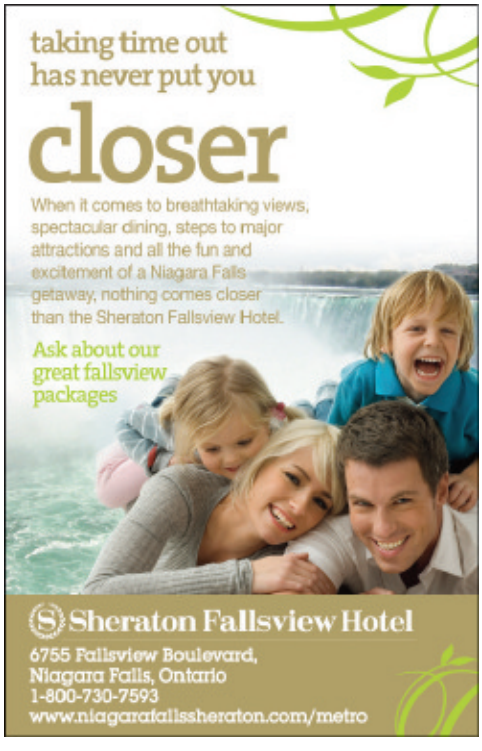
5 THE VEGGIE DAY

Greens

Being the birthplace of the beats, the hippies and U.S. liberalism, vegetarian food is a big deal here. You'll be spoiled for choice.

One of the best restaurants in town, Greens has a lot to offer, even if you're not a vegetarian. And the view on the Golden Gate Bridge makes the experience unforgettable. Make sure you take a three course meal giving you the opportunity to sample the rich menu and try a glass of Textbook, a marvelous Cabernet Sauvignon from the Napa Valley.

(greensrestaurant.com)



Rock and Roll fantasy
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You're Havana a laugh today

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

The capital of Cuba is one of the world's most effortlessly cool places. The politics are edgy, the dancing impulsive and the people hugely friendly.

And it's still an unbelievable bargain. Here's why to stay, eat and go while on a budget in Havana.

BUDGET $50
STAY
Hotetur Deauville

Located along the Malecón seafront, Hotetur is not a thing of beauty but good grief it's cheap.

Rooms area available from as little as $20 per night and it has sea front access, rooftop pool, gorgeous views, decent food and a disco.

Five minutes from the old town.

(Hotetur.com/Deauville)

BUDGET $50
EAT
La Guarida

This small three-roomed restaurant at the top of three flights of stairs is Cuba's most famous paladar as it was in the movie Strawberry and Chocolate.

Hip, funky and great cheap food — you'll get your fill without emptying your wallet.

(laguarida.com)

BUDGET $50
GO
El Prado

Well, actually El Prado is a wide avenue linking Malecón with the centre and it's one of the best places to go for a stroll.

For zero outlay you'll mix with locals, get a real feel for the place and at Malecón you get a busy seafront to grab a beer and people-watch.

Blow the bank

- Grand, elegant and expensive, Café del Oriente is excellent if you have a few bucks to blow. The Filet Mignon is a work of genius.

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Many consider bull-fighting, not soccer, Spain's national sport.

Taking Spain's capital bull by the horns

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

It's not for everyone but Madrid is by far one of the must-do destinations while travelling in Europe.

Here's a few reasons why.

Why go now?

Winters in Madrid may be bitterly cold, but the continental climate means that summertime is hot hot hot. Parks, fountains, markets, flamenco, tapas … the list of things to do in Spain's eccentric capital is endless. Chic, shabby, quiet, noisy, historical, modern — this is a city where there is no pattern and where you must go with the flow.

Bring on the bullfight

Madrid's main bullring, Ventas, is the best place to come and witness what most locals consider to be a national sport. Throughout the summer, the ring doubles up as a concert venue, hosting gigs for international artists such as Shakira. (las-ventas.com)

Shopping

In terms of fashion, Madrid is an eclectic clash of contrasts. For the super chic (mainly the upper class) Calle Serrano is the place to be. Cartier, Gucci, Chanel and the Latin equivalent of Barney's or Harrods, el Corte Ingles can all be found here.

Nightlife

Line your stomach with some tapas then weave your way around the brightly lit streets.

If you see club promoters stand outside shouting "chupito, chupito" don't get scared, that's the term for liquor shots — given out free to passersby as an incentive to get them inside.

Surfs up in Long Island

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Celtic Manor plays host to the Ryder Cup in October.

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Where the best play

Legendary Celtic Manor golf course still family-friendly

DAVID PAUL
Metro World News

As the concierge cheerfully packed our bags into the car and prepared to wave us farewell, a friend telephoned and asked: "You still at that golf hotel in Wales? What's it like?"

Frankly, it was a tough question. How do you describe the Celtic Manor, the venue for this October's Ryder Cup, the greatest tournament in world golf?

"Epic" was the one word reply I gave.

That probably best sums this place up.

The sheer scale of what billionaire owner Sir Terry Matthews, a telecommunications tycoon, has achieved in this corner of South Wales is awesome.

He bought the maternity hospital in which he was born and has created two hotels linked together by a network of underground passageways carved into the hillside of the Usk Valley.

The Celtic Manor complex now boasts 400 bedrooms, five restaurants, two health clubs, two spas, three championship golf courses, a golf academy, a giant exhibition hall and a convention centre all set in 1,400 acres of countryside.

But best of all it also offers Nicola, a professional golf coach with the patience of a saint.

As Tiger Woods and company battle it out on the immaculate Twenty Ten course in front of 50,000 golf fans this fall and a worldwide Ryder Cup TV audience of hundreds of millions, Nicola and her fellow coaches will still be offering easy to follow advice for those who barely know one end of a golf club from another in the resort's state-of-the art golf academy.

Within ten minutes of Nicola starting her family lesson, five people for one hour for just $40, we were all hooked. My very rusty swing was soon better than it had ever been, and one day, when the Ryder Cup crowds have long gone, I know I'll return to Celtic Manor.

It gave my family a fabulously relaxing three-night break — and the gift of a love of golf for life.

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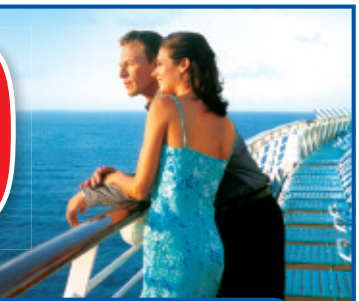

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Get prepared for the beach

Before you hit the beach this summer, have a look at these gadgets to help your day.

Discovery Trekking Towel
$24.

It's pretty hard to make towels sexy but Discovery Trekking are having a go. We tried the Ultralite a "wicking" towel that uses hi-tech fabric to pull the moisture from your skin where it spreads across the fibres rather than pooling like with a cotton towel allowing super-fast drying. We tried it and it works well. It's also treated with an anti-bacterial agent so you can stuff it in your rucksack confident it will remain mould-free. Very lightweight, rolls up very small and also boasts sun protection between 15 and 40 SPF depending on color. (discovery-trekking.com)

Firebox Anti-tech fraud wallet
$35

There's a theme developing here — because, like the towels, this wallet doesn't look too startling. But it has been designed t counter the growing menace of 'RFID skimmers'. These crooks use hi-tech scanners to secretly probe your cards for personal details perhaps while you sit on the beach.

But this billfold has a built in Faraday's Cage which blocks the scanner's signal leaving your cards and data intact. Blocks low and high frequency skimmers. Oh and it'll hold your cash too. (firebox.com)

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Discovery Trekking's towel uses a high-tech fabric to pull the moisture away from your skin.

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Head to the Grand Square to find a good place to find a beer.

Break out of your old mould in Brussels

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

Whoever said Brussels was boring had clearly never been.

Here is a list of the things to see and do while there.

SEE
Tiny Trickle
The city's very own "cheeky boy" is the Manneken Pis, a bronze statue depicting a boy peeing into the fountain basin below.

HEAR
Jukebox tunes
The dreamy, den-like interior of this former brothel on Rue de la Violette fabulous.

The crowd is mostly bohemian arty types without a care in the world, although the clientele can get a little "risqué" later into the night.

EAT
Moules Frites at Au Vieux Bruxelles
The brasserie has been serving French fries and mussels since 1882.

Set your table manners aside.

Eat the first few with your fingers and once you have a couple of spare shells, use these as utensils to pinch the rest. Then get into a beer.

(auvieuxbruxelles.com)

DRINK
Beer
The main square, 'Grand Place' is where people go mingle at café terraces.

The Belgian love their beer and there are hundreds of varieties to choose from.

Go local and you can't go wrong.

Try Lapin à la Kriek, a hearty rabbit stew flavored with beer too.

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Two-wheeled wonders

Italy's winding trails will lead you through the breathtaking countryside

SUSAN GREENWOOD
Metro World News

"I hope you don't think we're crazy," sang Marina as she shimmied her way past our table, boldly leading the second conga of the night over the pool and back into the bar.

Unfortunately all the signs were pointing to the Hotel Belvedere and its host being just that.

Firstly, this was Riccione on the Italian Riviera, a place where people are far too busy being beautiful and sipping Prosecco in beachfront bars to host wild parties with folks they've only just met. And secondly every single person currently swaying dangerously close to the water's edge had spent the day cycling anything from 90-125km with ex-pro road racers acting as tour guides among the vine-laced rollercoaster terrain of Emiglia-Romagna.

Where did they get the strength for dancing? Watching the speed with which barman Maxim was serving up potent Negroni's it became clearer.

The Belvedere is part of the Italy Bike Hotels consortium — a collection of top notch hotels which cater for cyclists.

Yes they wash your Lycra daily, yes there is a spa to recover in, yes the food — including local speciality spaghetti allo scoglio (spaghetti of the clifftops) — is delicious, and yes you get the pick of high-end racing bikes for the week, with mechanics on hand. But no the staff won't push you up the hills. The idea is that each day you ride hard, then play harder Italian style — Campari, seaside, shopping. The rides range from not very hard to very very hard indeed, a minor distinction lost on anyone who believes 25km/h should be a speed reserved for motorized vehicles.

This area of Italy is steeped in cycling lore making riding here akin to walking in the footsteps of giants. Marco Pantani — who won the Tour de France and the Giro d'Italia in 1998 — was born just up the road in pretty Cesenatico — a bustling fishing town.

Each year the Pantanissima memorial race traces the routes Marco trained on in the surrounding hills. And the hills aren't as brutal as you'd think, the guides interspersing the inclines with panoramic descents hugging the coastline, coffee stops in crumbling hilltop villages and rolling routes through vistas burdened with historic beauty.

Our motley peloton made up of cycle enthusiasts (Lycra is a given) from across the globe definitely balanced out pain with gain.

But then they were crazy.

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Montréal Le Saint Sulpice

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American Idol lowers age eligibility

The next American Idol may not be able to drive a car. Fox said in a statement Monday that the age eligibility to audition for the upcoming 10th season of the singing competition would be lowered from 16 to 15 years old. The maximum age to audition remains 28. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment

Plea for Wayne?

Rapper Lil Wayne could avoid jail time in Arizona on drug and weapon charges after entering a plea agreement with Yuma County prosecutors.

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Vampires or werewolves: Pick a side

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

If the latest installment of the popular Twilight franchise is any indication, vampires and werewolves are the hottest thing to hit Hollywood since Universal Studios burnt to the ground.

So why are two classic monsters creating such a buzz in 2010?

"They're both monster figures obviously but they're quite different in nature," explained University of Toronto Cinema Studies Director Charlie Keil. He points out that in their differences, werewolves and vampires do have an affinity.

Sure, the vampire systemically draws on blood for existence and werewolves are more about the id "manifesting itself in an animal form so there's no way to suppress (it)," insisted Keil. "The idea there is that the monster really can't control itself."

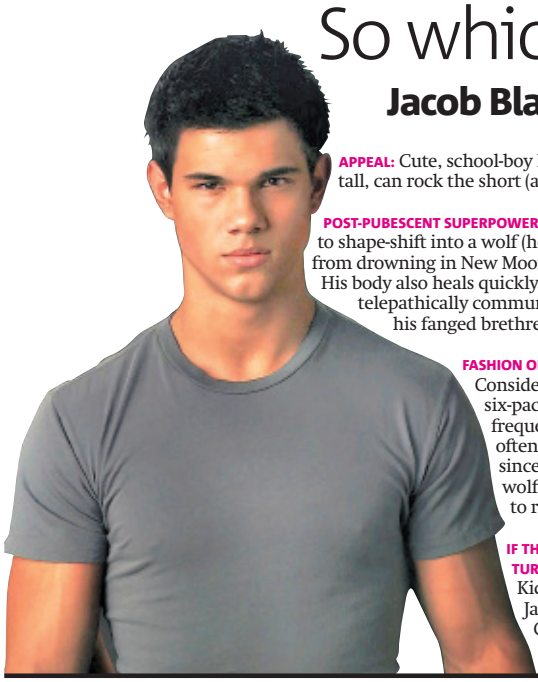
Twilight flips these ideas a bit giving the werewolf some measure of control and repressing the vampire figure: "It doesn't want to carry out the lethal (action)," says Keil.

While in Eclipse these monsters oppose each other however, their common struggle has more to do with the sexualization of these characters.

"(Vampires and werewolves) are more aligned because they both do have an undercurrent of sexuality linking them," said Keil. "Only with (Twilight), its with the sex in brackets … it's a vampire without fangs basically; and a wolfman who won't really tear you apart."

So which team are you on?

Jacob Black



APPEAL: Cute, school-boy looks; hard abs; very tall, can rock the short (and long) hair.

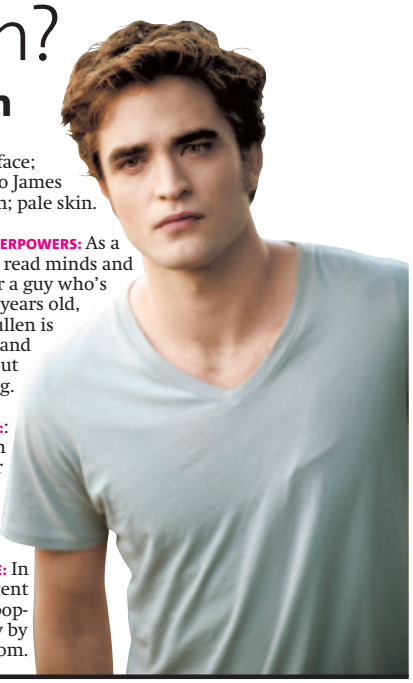
POST-PUBESCENT SUPERPOWERS: Jacob has the ability to shape-shift into a wolf (he even saved Bella from drowning in New Moon — good dog!) His body also heals quickly and he can telepathically communicate with his fanged brethren.

FASHION OF THE BEASTS: Considering Jacob's six-pack, shirts are frequently removed; often dressed-down since morphing into a wolf tends to shred the duds to rags anyhow.

IF THE PAST DETERMINES THE FUTURE: Earlier this year, the Kids Choice Awards chose Jacob and Bella as Cutest Couple over Edward and Bella. Ouch! Poor Eddie!

Read an interview with Kristen Stewart in Friday's Metro

Edward Cullen



APPEAL: Pouty face; often compared to James Dean; pale skin.

POST-PUBESCENT SUPERPOWERS: As a vampire, Edward can read minds and will be 17 forever. For a guy who's actually close to 100 years old, the handsome Cullen is quick on his feet and can get buy without breathing.

FASHION OF THE BEASTS:: Wears cool colors, often multi-layered (hoodies under peacoats, button-down shirts) all alluding to his blood-sucking secret.

IF THE PAST DETERMINES THE FUTURE: In 2009, Team Edward won 62 per cent of the vote over Team Jacob on a popularity survey by PollDaddy.com.

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Holiday concert on PBS
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You Say Party carry on with new name

Canadian dance-rockers You Say Party! We Say Die! have announced that they will continue on after the death of drummer Devon Clifford with a new name and revised lineup.

Devon Clifford

The Abbotsford, B.C., band will now be known only as You Say Party, and will round out their lineup with two members from Vancouver band Gang Violence.

Clifford died of a massive brain hemorrhage in April after collapsing onstage during a show at Vancouver's Rickshaw Theatre. He was 30 years old.

"Devon's parents have encouraged us to continue on and given us their blessing," the band said in a statement on their website.

"It is their opinion (as well as ours) that Devon would never have wanted his death to end the band. He would have wanted us to continue on."

The band say they will reschedule their European tour — cancelled following Clifford's death — for the fall. They're also planning select shows for the rest of 2010.

You Say Party will also release a new single, There is XXXX (Within My Heart). The track is culled from last year's album, XXXX, which last week was included on the long list for the Polaris Music Prize.

There is another change, however: keyboardist Krista Loewen has decided not to continue with the group.

"She no longer desires the long drives, poor sleeps and revolting selection of road food," the band's statement said. "Instead she's choosing a home, a garden, some gluten-free baking and a proper education.

"We will miss Krista very much and she remains a part of our lives."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Slipknot bassist died of overdose

PEOPLE Autopsy results show the bassist for heavy metal band Slipknot died of an accidental overdose of morphine and fentanyl, a synthetic morphine substitute.

Paul Gray was found dead in a suburban Des Moines, Iowa, hotel room on May 25. A hotel worker told a 911 dispatcher that a hypodermic needle was found near Gray's body and that pills also were found in the room.

Urbandale police issued a news release saying the final autopsy report shows Gray died of a drug overdose. It also shows signs of significant heart disease.

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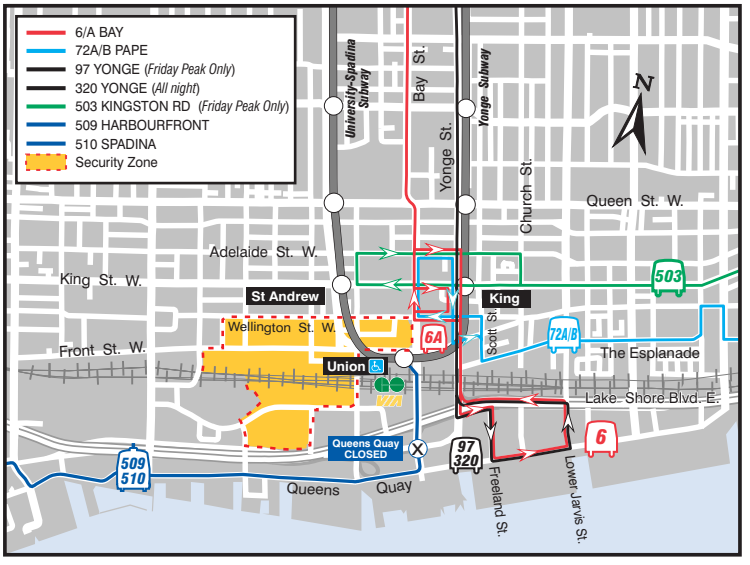

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Fans can visit Jackson's grave

Fans of Michael Jackson will reportedly be granted access to his final resting place on the anniversary of his death Friday. Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Calif., has agreed to open up the Holly Terrace section, which is usually off-limits to non-family members, on Friday. METRO WORLD NEWS

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King of pop still reigns

Jackson's gone, but his estate is bringing in millions

The money is rolling in. The bills are being paid. And all those people who said Michael Jackson might earn more in death than in life are being proved right.

Like the estates of Elvis Presley and Yves Saint Laurent, Jackson's has grown immensely since he died on June 25, 2009.

Without Jackson's lavish spending sprees, and with the help of new revenue pouring in from nostalgia over the reign of the King of Pop, estate co-executors John Branca and John McClain have dramatically turned around Jackson's finances.

A kingdom that was on the verge of collapse from more than $500 million in debt now looks to be able to support his three children and his mother and donate healthily to children's charities.

The estate has earned more than $250 million in the year since he died. Executors used some of that to pay off $70 million in debt, including the $5 million mortgage on the Jackson family compound in Encino, part of Los Angeles. The interest payments on the remaining debt are now covered by a steady flow of cash.

A rundown of deals suggests that Jackson's fortune will be even bigger than could have been realized by a planned series of comeback concerts.

Jackson

A posthumous deal to sell unreleased Jackson recordings with Sony Music guaranteed $200 million over seven years.

The film This Is It, based on his final concert rehearsal footage, grossed $252 million worldwide. Sony Pictures paid the estate $60 million in advance, with an undisclosed amount more to come from DVD sales.

Licensing deals on merchandise sold by Universal Music Group's Bravado unit and a new dance game by Ubisoft Entertainment brought in $26 million in advances. The Mijac Music catalogue of copyrights, on songs that Jackson wrote, generated $25 million in the past year, thanks to heavy airplay on radio stations and song and album sales.

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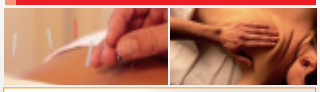

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Cruise returns to action

STEVE GOW
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Knight and Day

Director: James Mangold
Stars: Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz
Classification: PG
Rating:

Cameron Diaz and Tom Cruise star in Knight and Day.

REVIEW After Tom Cruise's much-talked about performance as balding Tropic Thunder character Les Grossman at this month's MTV Movie Awards, rumours began speculating that, not only are there plans for an upcoming Grossman movie, but that Tommy may finally be cruising back to the A-list.

The truth is, he still has to get through the release of Knight and Day.

Luckily, the blockbuster may just be the soft antidote Cruise needed for a reintroduction into society. A high-paced buddy actioner co-starring Cameron Diaz, the film may not offset the actor's ebbing public image to the degree that Les Grossman does, but as secret operative Roy Miller, Cruise does display a certain sense of levity.

Knight and Day doesn't hold back on action either. The movie almost instantly begins with Miller and innocent accessory June (Diaz, playing hysterical) cryptically meeting while boarding a doomed plane.

Soon however, June finds herself caught up in Miller's mission — to protect the inventor of a truly everlasting battery — an undertaking that finds the pair running from double-agents and arms dealers, being chased on motorcycles alongside charging bulls in Spain, attacked on a train in the Austrian Alps and bombed on Miller's own private island in the Azores. Yes, this international espionage has all the subtlety of James Bond wearing an "I'm With Stupid" t-shirt.

Director James Mangold (Walk the Line) is clearly conscious of the fact this is a popcorn movie and thereby makes no attempt at establishing plausibility, creating surprise or taking it serious, which actually helps make the film work. Knight and Day only aims to deliver passable charm with action delivered way over-the-top. Not quite Les Grossman over-the-top, but perhaps just enough to get Tom Cruise halfway back to Hollywood's A-list.

Knight and Day screentimes

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Black Keys expand sound

After10 years, duo decide to add bassist and keyboardist

The Black Keys should take their show on the road.

Yes, the Akron, Ohio, blues-rock duo of singer-guitarist Dan Auerbach and drummer Patrick Carney already tour almost constantly. But the two — Carney, lanky and bespectacled, and Auerbach, bearded and rocker-looking — have something of a comic duo about them.

They have a natural patter — crude and hysterical — that's been honed by spending nearly half their lives playing music together. At a recent interview at the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival, the conversation turned to why the Keys, nearly 10 years on, have for the first time begun playing shows with a bassist (Nick Movshon) and a keyboardist (Leon Michels).

Auerbach: "It's great because they're like-minded."

Carney: "They've very tasteful musicians."

Auerbach (sarcastically): "Cause we're super tasteful."

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Dan Auerbach of the band The Black Keys performs at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in Manchester, Tenn.

Carney: "It's like emerald essence."

Auerbach: "It's like four ... diamonds with lightning bolts coming out of them."

Carney (after a beat): "It's almost tasteless."

Curiously, on stage, Auerbach and Carney are all business. Instead of bantering, their shows are an onslaught of sweaty Delta blues riffs, heavy pounding and textured grooves.

They've built a faithful following and are still earning new fans: Their sixth album, Brothers, debuted No. 3 on the Billboard Top 200 chart.

It's a remarkable degree of success for a duo that began nearly a decade ago playing in Carney's basement, and which still prides itself on keeping things rough — leaving an imprecise drum beat or a wrong note in a guitar solo in a recording.

"We're unperfectionists," says Carney. "We're basically irregular bananas."

Carney, 30, and Auerbach, 31, grew up near each other in Akron. Like the city's most famous export, LeBron James, they're contemplating an exit from Ohio. Auerbach, who's married and has a daughter, is thinking about moving to Nashville, and Carney, though he still owns a house in Akron, has moved to New York.

Their 2002 debut, The Big Come Up, recorded on an eight-track in Carney's basement, sounded little like two scrawny white kids from Ohio. Auerbach's fuzzy riffs on songs like Breaks were straight out of Mississippi.

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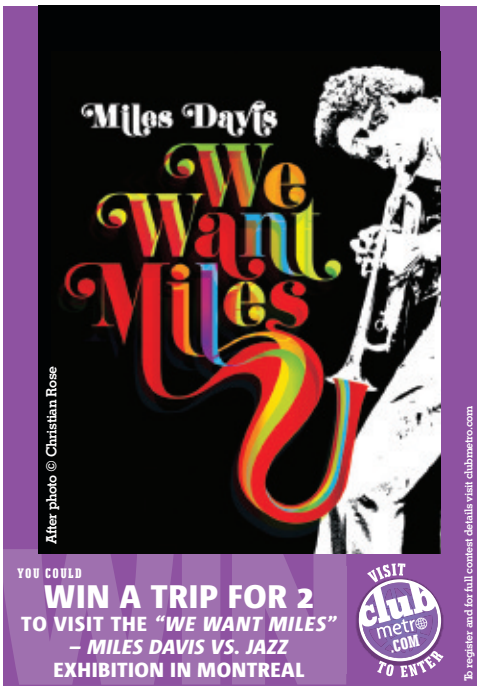

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Party crashing worked

Michaele Salahi gets her fame moment in new show

"I love to just make an entrance," declares one of the new Real Housewives of D.C. on the show's debut episode, set to air in August.

Quick, guess which one!

Of course, that grimace-inducing line, given what we all know, comes from Michaele Salahi — whose uninvited "entrance" into the White House last fall threw Washington into a tizzy, raised serious questions about presidential security, caused major fallout at the Secret Service and led to the departure of the White House social secretary.

And it isn't over: A federal grand jury has been conducting a criminal investigation of Michaele and Tareq Salahi and how they got into the White House. But for now, all that trouble seems SO last year.

Because, judging from a sneak peek at the first episode of Real Housewives, Michaele is the unquestioned star of the new franchise. In fact, on a show that sets out to profile well-connected players in Washington — well, rich, beautiful, catty well-connected players in Washington — the newly famous Salahi is perhaps the closest to a player they've got. Heck, at least she's met the president!

But let's pause for a little history. It was back in May of 2009 that Bravo, already home to the Real Housewives of Orange County, Atlanta, New York City and New Jersey, let it be known it was coming to the nation's capital.

Immediately, tongues started wagging in Washington's social circles. Who would the show find to equal the wealthy, colorful, surgically enhanced, backbiting, table-flipping heroines of those other cities? Was the wonky capital interesting enough?

A production company, Half Yard Productions, started searching for women who, in Bravo's words, "have their hands on the pulse of what's going on culturally and politically." They knew, of course, that it would be tough to get to the centre of political power. "I imagine it would be a challenge if we were trying for, say, (social secretary) Desiree Rogers," Bravo programming executive Andy Cohen told The Associated Press at the time, a comment that seems a bit eerie now.

Michaele Salahi is the star of Real Housewives of D.C.

In a secretive process — candidates weren't told initially what show they were "auditioning" for — camera crews followed women into parties, leading to talk that they might be "Housewives."

Enter Michaele Salahi — and excuse the pun. After she and her polo-playing husband from Virginia wine country made their way into the November state dinner, Bravo said they were being considered for the show but that the cast was not yet set.

What they didn't say then was that shooting was already almost finished, as Cohen said last week when the cast was announced. There was no way at that stage, Cohen said, to replace her — and during editing, it had become clear how connected Salahi was to the other characters' stories.

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	210	302	6	CBC	World Cup Soccer			NHL Awards (HDTV) (N)			CBC News: The National		Soccer
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	212	313	8	CTV	etalk	Access H.	So You Think You Can Dance (HDTV) (Live)				CSI: NY (HDTV)		CTV News
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	297	652	330	WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		PIX News at Ten (N)		Two/Half Men
	296	654	331	SBK	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Law & Order: SVU		WBZ News (N)	What's-Store	Frasier	Frasier	The Office
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news	502	390	26	NW	The Lang & O'Leary Exchange		Connect with Mark Kelley (N)		CBC News: The National		Doc Zone: Tar Sands-Alberta		National
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	571	581	36	MMM	The Daily Fix		Ranked!		mmtop10.ca		Gene Simmons Family Jewels		The O.C.
	575	583	38	CMT	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Reba	Reba	According-Jim	According-Jim	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Due South
	616	521	39	SHO	Tom Stone (Part 1 of 2)		*Devil's Diary* (2007, Suspense) Alexz Johnson.				*The Descent* ★★★ (2005, Horror)		
	620	523	40	BVO	From the Spirit	Bravo!Videos	Arts & Minds	O'Reagan Files	Wingfield	Star Portraits	White Collar "Threads"		Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Rich Bride Poor Bride		In Laws	In Laws	End/Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	ET Canada
	522	506	43	HIS	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	MysteryQuest (HDTV)		Ice Road Truckers (N)		Nostradamus Effect		Outlaw Bikers
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Jon Dore Show	Hot Box	Daily Show
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	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		*The Jacksons: An American Dream* ★★ (1992, Drama)				Smash! Best of BET Awards		Mo'Nique
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	305	612	306	PIX	(6:50) *Remo Williams: The Adventure Begins* (1985)				*The Fearless Vampire Killers* ★★★ (1967, Horror)				*Lost Souls* ★
	520	146	-	DISC	Daily Planet (N)		Mighty Ships "Africa Mercy"		Deadliest Catch		Salvage Code Red (N)		Daily Planet
	637	-	-	TVLND	Red Green	Red Green	Fantasy Island		Hart to Hart		Andy Griffith	Phil Silvers	Bizarre
	605	-	-	FASH	Look-A-Like	Stratusphere	FashionTele	RAW	FT Found Footage		Australia's Next Top Model		Top Model

critics' corner

The Stepfather

A family's newest member may not be all that welcome in this remake of a cult-classic 1987 thriller. Penn Badgley ("Gossip Girl") plays a military-school student who returns home to find a new man (Dylan Walsh, "Nip/Tuck") in his mother's (Sela Ward) life. It doesn't take long for him to suspect the newcomer is up to no good, and not much longer than that for the hunch to be confirmed. Amber Heard and Sherry Stringfield ("ER") also appear. 6 AM on M1

The Fearless Vampire Killers

An elderly professor and his bumbling assistant (Jack MacGowran, Roman Polanski) pursue the vampire who kidnapped their host's daughter (Sharon Tate) in Polanski's macabre and very dark 1967 horror comedy, uneven though it has some undeniably funny moments. Polanski's ghoulish romp even inspired an international musical, "Dance of the Vampires," which flopped on Broadway during the 2002-03 season. 9:55 AM on PIX

Festival to honour Second City

AWARD The Second City comedy franchise will receive a lifetime achievement award from Montreal's Just For Laughs festival.

Festival organizers say it will give the honour to the famed improv troupe at its Comedy Conference award luncheon on July 16.

Second City alumni will also participate in a panel discussion at the Just for Laughs Insiders Series on July 15.

Several other comics will also be honoured at the Just for Laughs festival, including Parks and Recreation star Aziz Ansari, who will get the Breakout Comedy Star of the year Award.

The Comedy Writer of the Year honour will go to Ian Brennan, Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk of Glee.

And Community co-star Donald Glover will get the Rising Comedy Star of the Year Award.

Also just added to the festival is a July 14 screening of Exporting Raymond, the feature directorial debut from Everybody Loves Raymond creator Phil Rosenthal.

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A new Footloose face
A new face in Hollywood is stepping into Kevin Bacon's shoes (pictured) for a remake of Footloose. Paramount Pictures announced Tuesday that Kenny Wormald will take on the role Bacon originated in the 1984 original. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celebrity Buzz

A *very* long engagement

FIRST COMES BABY, THEN COMES MARRIAGE... OR DOES IT? Nicole Richie and Joel Madden's long-delayed wedding has reportedly been called off for now, and it may never happen at all, sources tell the National Enquirer.

"Nicole is disgusted that Joel's thrown himself totally into his work, and she's now questioning his commitment to family life," a source says.

"It's become a joke among Nicole's family and friends how many times she's planned and postponed the ceremony.

"Nicole's dad Lionel (Richie) even started referring to her as the little bride who cried wolf."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Depp embarks on a new career in the music industry

ANOTHER ACTOR TAKES THE MUSICAL LEAP Despite his success as an actor, Johnny Depp is starting a new career in the music business.

The Pirates of the Caribbean star has reportedly started a record company, Unison Music, and has already hired talent scouts in London, according to the Sun.

"Johnny has always been passionate about music," a source says. "He is taking a really hands-on approach to signing acts. Obviously he can't get to as many gigs as he would like, but he has got a good team around him and will personally vet any signings that they make."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Paquin fiancé isn't fazed by bisexuality

A MAN WHO DOESN'T MIND A BISEXUAL WOMAN, SHOCKING! While the world may have been surprised to learn that Anna Paquin is bisexual, there's at least one person who wasn't.

"It doesn't change anything. I'm proud of who she is," her fiancé and True Blood co-star, Stephen Moyer, tells Playboy magazine.

"I've never been in a relationship before in which, literally within the first three days, all the cards were laid out. It wasn't something that was kept from me. I condone what she has done 100 per cent, and it's her business to talk about it, not mine."

METRO WORLD NEWS

James moving to Austin

HE'S JUST NOT GETTING THE HINT Jesse James is reportedly moving to Austin, Texas, so that his kids can be closer to Sandra Bullock, who calls the city home.

But the Oscar-winning actress' friends aren't thrilled about the idea, according to Popeater.

"Of all the towns in America, he had to pick the one place that Sandra loves?" a source says.

"He knows that Austin is her home, the one place in the world where Sandra can be 'Sandy' rather than 'Sandra Bullock, the movie star.' When is this fool going to stop hurting her?"

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@jimmykimmel Toilets must hate us.

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Lohan focuses on her work

THE TRIALS AND TRAVAILS OF BEING A STAR Lindsay Lohan isn't letting her alcohol-monitoring SCRAM bracelet get in the way of working, even if it's the only thing she has on.

The troubled actress is reportedly planning to pose nude for an ad campaign for her handbag line, 6126. "We're thinking of having police on hand so we can remove the ankle bracelet for the pictures," Richard Luna, of 6126 licensee California Bag, tells L.A. Confidential magazine. If it can't be removed, Luna says, the bracelet can always be airbrushed out.

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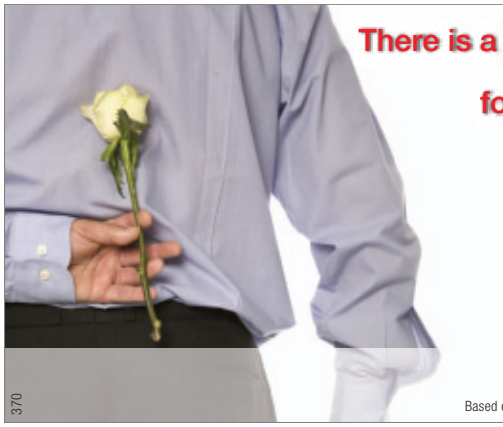

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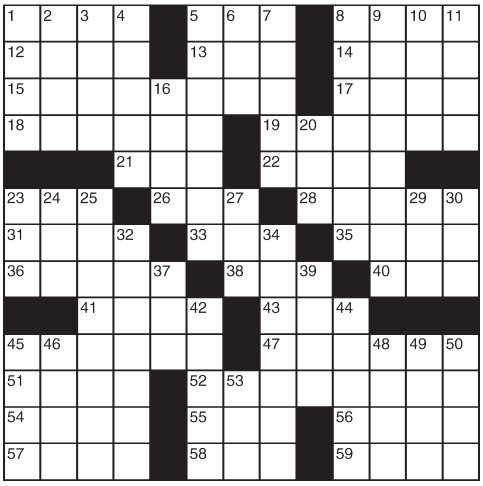

ACROSS

1 Festive
5 Craze
8 Caspian Sea feeder
12 Pressing need?
13 Screw up
14 Pleasant
15 Moniker
17 Reverberate
18 Tar
19 Like 007's martinis
21 Sprite
22 Letter opener?
23 Pump up the volume
26 Drag behind
28 Lucy's pal
31 Seethe
33 High-arc shot
35 Aesopian also-ran
36 Winter warmer
38 La-la lead-in
40 Bankroll
41 Philosophy 101 subject
43 Sinbad's bird
45 "Nip/Tuck" actress Roma
47 No teetotalers, they
51 Shaving cream additive
52 Bribe of a sort
54 Singer Vikki
55 Biblical verb suffix
56 Taj Mahal city
57 "Bye Bye Birdie" song
58 Perched
59 Neither masc. nor fem.

DOWN

1 Cotton machines
2 Met melody
3 Sites
4 Bracelet site
5 Scared
6 Branch
7 Frock
8 Dig up
9 Human-drawn transport
10 Liniment target
11 Ponce de —
16 Longtime Steelers coach Chuck
20 Hasten
23 Regis and Kelly's network
24 Cattle call
25 Actress Mary, "America's Sweetheart"
27 Moo — gai pan
29 Historic time
30 Began
32 Slip-on shoes
34 Beet recipe
37 Blackbird
39 Smee's captain
42 Accepts uncomplainingly
44 Kind of heel or cigar
45 "— the Knife"
46 Jai follower
48 Wise one
49 Beige
50 Old card game
53 Call — day

Sudoku

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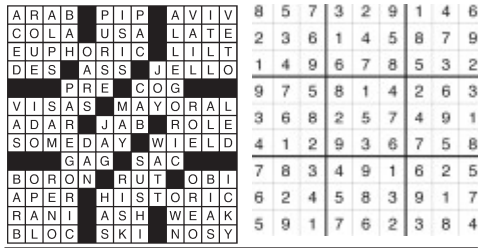
HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

1				8	3	2		6
4	3						7	
				9	5		4	
	2					1		
			6		9			
		1					9	
	7		9	6				
	6						2	5
9		2	3	5				8

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day

Caribbean Butternut Squash and Corn Stew

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, sliced
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 butternut squash, peeled and cubed
1 red pepper, seeded and sliced
1 bay leaf
796 mL can chopped tomatoes
540 mL can black-eyed peas
1 cup frozen corn, thawed
1 1/4 cups vegetable broth
1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp hot pepper sauce
1 tbsp brown sugar
1 tsp balsamic vinegar
Chopped parsley to garnish

METHOD:

1. Heat oil in large pot and add onion, garlic, butternut squash, red pepper and bay leaf. Stir well, then cover and cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

2. Add tomatoes with their juice, black-eyed peas and corn, and stir to mix. Add broth, Worcestershire sauce, hot sauce, sugar and vinegar; stir again. Cover and simmer until squash is tender, 15 minutes.

3. Sprinkle parsley over stew and serve at once.

SERVES 6

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
It annoys you when people don't do their job the way they should, and you will find it hard not to let that annoyance show today.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The Sun at odds with Jupiter today will teach you some kind of lesson, most likely about expecting too much of other people.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Today someone you think you can trust is trying to trick you, so be on your guard and accept nothing you are told at face value.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your patience may be wearing thin with someone but don't let it show. They are hoping you will get angry. Don't fall for it.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
There is no point blaming yourself for something that went wrong: the planets indicate it was bound to happen sooner or later.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
This may be one of the most productive times of the year but before you throw yourself into a new project make sure you know what you are getting in to.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You need to be flexible today. Someone you deal with is about to disrupt your plans, but that will only be a problem if your plans are too rigid.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You want it all and you want it now but before that can happen there is one thing you MUST get sorted. You know what it is, so stop dreaming and start doing.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may be tempted to change your ways to keep up with the latest fad or fashion, but don't do it. Why be one of the crowd when you can be an individual?

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't take it too hard if a person you want to get close to rejects you. They can see what you cannot: you are too different to form a lasting partnership.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Have you been working hard for no good reason? If so, it's time to make a break and try your luck in a new environment. Change is your friend.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may be eager to get started on a new project but it might be wise to hold fire for a while. Do you really need to begin it now?

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